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## **#ACTCourts join Twitter**

The ACT Chief Justice Helen Murrell and ACT Chief Magistrate Lorraine Walker sent the first tweets from the newly-established Court Twitter accounts today.

The tweets from the new accounts, @ACTSupCourt and @ACTMagCourt, announced the ceremonial sittings for Justice Michael Elkaim SC and Magistrate Glenn Theakston.

“Social media has become a popular platform to communicate with the public. The Courts recognise this, and these new Twitter accounts are another way for the ACT Courts to link with our community,” Chief Justice Murrell said.

“The Twitter accounts will be used to send out updates on what’s happening at the Courts, such as listings and court events, new judgments, updates on the new courts facility, new judicial appointments and other information of interest to lawyers, litigants and Canberrans in general.”

Chief Magistrate Walker said the accounts would help to raise awareness across the wider Canberra community about the work of the Courts while respecting their independence and impartiality.

“The Courts play an important role in our society by hearing and determining criminal and civil matters in accordance with the rule of law, and accordingly our Twitter accounts will not be used as a forum for social opinions or commentary on cases or decisions” Chief Magistrate Walker said.

“Our tweets won’t just be for those who work within the legal system but for everyone. We hope that by sharing information through social media, we will contribute to educating the community about the Courts and the ACT justice system.”

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