



FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

GPO BOX 9991
PERTH WA 6848

150 TERRACE ROAD
PERTH WA 6000

29 January 2016

Media Statement by Justice Stephen Thackray, Chief Judge of the Family Court of Western Australia

DECISION OF UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE

The Family Court of Western Australia has been made aware of a recent decision by a United Nations Committee concerning a family that has been the subject of proceedings before the Court.

Chief Judge Stephen Thackray said that he was very disappointed that the Family Court had not been given any opportunity to provide information to the UN Committee before the decision was made.

“If we had been asked, we would have been very pleased to assist the UN Committee by ensuring that it had accurate information. Unfortunately, the information provided to the committee was quite misleading,” Justice Thackray said. “It is particularly unfortunate that the Committee did not appreciate that the complainant had refused every opportunity offered to him to participate in the proceedings in the Family Court of WA.”

Justice Thackray said that copies of the decision of the Full Court and the two decisions of the Family Court of WA were available on the Court’s website. “The decisions will speak for themselves,” the Chief Judge said.

Media enquiries: Val Buchanan, Manager Media & Public Liaison
Ph: (08) 9421 5303 or 0439 953 898