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The judges, master, registrars and staff of the Supreme Court mourn the death of Principal Registrar Kate McDonald, who died on 16 September 2024 following a long illness.

Kate was a gifted and talented lawyer, who dedicated her life to the service of the public and to the administration of justice. Following an outstanding two-decade career at the State Solicitor's Office, Kate joined the Court as a registrar in 2018. She was appointed Principal Registrar in 2022, following a period acting in the role. Kate also served with great distinction as Acting Master throughout 2023. In all of these roles, she was tirelessly committed to the work of the Court, to its people and to the delivery of justice. Kate was a particularly gifted mediator, who brought a great sense of humanity to the resolution of legal disputes and was always attentive to their underlying human dimension.

We are devastated by the loss of our friend and colleague, who was loved by us and loved us in return. Our deepest condolences are with Kate's husband Alan and their daughters Claudia and Miranda.

16 September 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Quinlan'.

The Hon Justice Peter Quinlan
Chief Justice of Western Australia