



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Hon. John Hatzistergos MLC  
Attorney General  
Minister for Industrial Relations**

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## **NEW MAGISTRATE FOR NSW**

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced the appointment of Bruce Williams to the bench of the Local Court of NSW.

“Mr Williams is a highly respected solicitor who has appeared in almost all of the State’s courts and tribunals over the past 29 years,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

Beginning his career in 1972, Mr Williams worked in legal sections of the Attorney General’s Department of NSW before being appointed a solicitor for the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Mr Williams worked for the Special Crimes Team of the state’s first Director of Public Prosecutions until 1981, when he became proprietor of a legal partnership.

While in private practice, Mr Williams has appeared primarily in criminal and civil claims matters, but also has experience in commercial law and probate.

Mr Williams has provided considerable assistance to disadvantaged people, performing pro bono work for a women’s shelter in Taree and founding a charity, which has helped maintain a half way house and funded meals for the elderly.

Mr Williams holds a Diploma in Law (Barristers Admission Board), is an Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law and was placed first in the state for taxation in the Securities Institute Graduate Course in Applied Finance and Investment.

“I congratulate Mr Williams on his expertise and career achievements which have resulted in his elevation to the bench of the Local Court,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

Mr Williams will be sworn in as a magistrate on November 23.