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## **Crown Prosecutor Appointed a District Court Judge**

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced the appointment of Crown Prosecutor Laura Wells SC as a District Court judge.

“I congratulate Ms Wells on her well-deserved appointment and wish her every success in role of District Court Judge,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

“Ms Wells was admitted to the Bar in Queensland in 1987 and to the NSW Bar in 1996. She was appointed as Senior Counsel last year.”

“Ms Wells has a depth of experience in both the Queensland and NSW jurisdictions and most recently in her role as Acting Public Defender.

During her 23 years in the legal profession, Ms Wells held the positions of Solicitor, Trial Advocate, Crown Prosecutor, Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor and Acting Public Defender.

Ms Wells has also held the position of Director of Criminal Law Review with the Department of Justice and Attorney General.

Ms Wells will be sworn in as a District Court Judge on Tuesday, July 27.