



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## TWO NEW MAGISTRATES FOR NSW LOCAL COURTS

Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced the appointment of Mark Buscombe and Ian Cheetham to the bench of the NSW Local Court.

Mr Buscombe is a barrister practising at Forbes Chambers, Sydney. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1982 and was called to the Bar in 1997.

Before going to the Bar, he was Director of the Civil Forfeiture Division of the NSW Crime Commission from 1990 to 1993, and the Senior Assistant Director with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions' office in Sydney from 1993 to 1997.

"As a barrister, Mr Buscombe has practiced almost exclusively in criminal matters, appearing for both government agencies and the accused," said Mr Hatzistergos.

"He has considerable experience in fraud and white collar criminal matters."

Mr Cheetham was admitted as a solicitor in 1978 and is currently employed by the firm Clayton Utz in Canberra.

He was appointed an accredited specialist in business law by the Law Society of NSW in 1996, and was the president of Southern Tablelands Solicitors Association between 2003 and 2005.

"Mr Cheetham has advised on complex business and commercial transactions, and has experience in both criminal and planning law."

"He has had 27 years experience as an advocate in the Local Court, and has also appeared in the District and Supreme courts."

Mr Hatzistergos congratulated Mr Buscombe and Mr Cheetham, and wished them every success in their new roles.