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TRIBUTE TO CHIEF JUSTICE SPIGELMAN

Attorney General Greg Smith SC has paid tribute to the outgoing Chief Justice of NSW, James Spigelman AC in a ceremony at the Supreme Court today.

Mr Smith said the Chief Justice had served the State with distinction for the past 13 years.

“James Spigelman has been an outstanding Chief Justice,” Mr Smith said.

“He has led a happy and productive court, delivered outstanding judgements and inspired thoughtful debate on the law.”

Mr Smith said the Supreme Court under the Chief Justice had introduced important reforms that cut waiting times, reduced costs and embraced technology.

The Chief Justice had also forged important links with overseas courts that made Sydney a hub for commercial law in the Asia-Pacific.

“James Spigelman has made an immense contribution to the political, legal, cultural and intellectual life of NSW and Australia,” Mr Smith said.

“I wish him, and his family, well.”