



Hon Greg Smith SC MP

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TOP SILK APPOINTED SUPREME COURT JUDGE

The NSW Attorney General, Greg Smith SC, today announced the appointment of Robert Beech-Jones SC as a judge of the Supreme Court of NSW.

“Mr Beech-Jones has enjoyed a distinguished legal career spanning almost a quarter of a century and his elevation to the bench of the Supreme Court is well deserved,” Mr Smith said.

As a barrister, Mr Beech-Jones has appeared in numerous matters of significance, particularly in the areas of commercial and administrative law, regulatory enforcement and white-collar crime.

Mr Beech-Jones performed the role of counsel assisting at the Royal Commission into the collapse of HIH and at an Independent Commission Against Corruption hearing.

He has repeatedly appeared for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, including in civil proceedings against former directors of James Hardie.

Mr Beech-Jones represented former PricewaterhouseCoopers partner Christina Rich in one of the largest sexual harassment cases in Australian history and appeared for former Guantanamo Bay detainee Mamdouh Habib in a lawsuit against the Federal Government.

Mr Beech-Jones holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Science from the Australian National University (ANU). He was admitted as a solicitor in 1988 and as a barrister in 1992. He was appointed as a Senior Counsel in 2006.

He has also served as a member of the NSW Bar Association’s professional conduct and human rights committees.

Mr Beech-Jones will be sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court on 12 March 2012.