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CROWN PROSECUTOR TO BE A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

The Attorney General, Greg Smith SC, today announced the appointment of Crown Prosecutor, Sarah Huggett, as a judge of the District Court of NSW.

“Ms Huggett has been prosecuting serious criminal trials in NSW for more than a decade, including a large number of complex sexual assault cases,” Mr Smith said.

“She has also played a role in bringing some of the state’s worst killers to justice.”

Ms Huggett performed the role of junior counsel for the prosecution in the trial of Sef Gonzales who murdered his family at their North Ryde home in 2001. She also assisted in the prosecution of backpacker killer Ivan Milat. Both men are serving life sentences.

Ms Huggett has advised the Director of Public Prosecutions on a range of important matters, such as whether to commence criminal proceedings in matters referred by the coroner.

She is also a member of the NSW Sexual Assault Review Committee and the Criminal Law Committee of the NSW Bar Association.

Prior to being appointed as a Crown Prosecutor in 2001, Ms Huggett served as a Trial Advocate in the Central West region of NSW and as a solicitor for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Sydney.

Outside of the courtroom, Ms Huggett has lectured in comparative criminal law in Los Angeles and is a volunteer in a University of Sydney mentoring program for women.

Ms Huggett will be sworn in as a District Court judge on 15 October 2012.