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MAGISTRATE APPOINTED TO DISTRICT COURT

The Attorney General, Greg Smith SC, today announced the appointment of Magistrate Gordon Lerve as a judge of the District Court of NSW.

“Magistrate Lerve has excelled as an Acting Judge of the District Court over the past eight months and I am pleased that his appointment has been made permanent,” Mr Smith said.

Prior to joining the District Court, Magistrate Lerve served on the bench of the Local Court for six years. He mostly presided over courts in rural and regional areas, including Albury and Moree.

In a legal career spanning more than 30 years, Magistrate Lerve also:

- served as a Crown Prosecutor for 15 years, appearing in hundreds of criminal trials, including murder trials in the Supreme Court;
- worked as a barrister in private practice for four years; and
- was a Senior Legal Officer at the National Crime Authority for one year.

Magistrate Lerve has been involved in legal education with the Legal Practitioner’s Admission Board Course. He has also been a member of the Chief Magistrate’s Education Committee and has written a number of research papers that are used in judicial education.

Outside of the courtroom, Magistrate Lerve has been a member of the Royal Australian Air Force Specialist Reserve for 21 years and has attained the rank of Wing Commander.

Magistrate Lerve will be sworn in as a District Court judge on 31 May 2012.