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TWO NEW MAGISTRATES FOR NSW

The NSW Attorney General, Greg Smith SC, today announced the appointments of solicitors Robert Stone and Peter Feather as magistrates of the Local Court of NSW.

Mr Stone has been practising law for more than 34 years and has extensive litigation experience in criminal law, personal injury and commercial matters.

While he has appeared in most courts in NSW – including the Supreme Court – the bulk of his work has been in Local and District Courts.

After beginning his legal career in Sydney in 1973, Mr Stone moved to Wagga Wagga in 1982 and achieved partner status at a law firm within three years of his arrival.

Prior to his appointment as a magistrate, Mr Stone was Chairman of Directors of Commins Hendriks, one of the largest inland legal practices in NSW. He has acted for a range of clients, including corporations, government agencies and private individuals. Mr Stone is also an accredited mediator.

Mr Feather has worked as a solicitor for the past 15 years. He became a partner at Humphreys & Corish Solicitors (now known as Humphreys and Feather) in 2001 – a position he held until his appointment as a magistrate.

He has appeared in most NSW courts, practising mainly in family, criminal and civil law.

Mr Feather began his career as a police officer in 1987 and was accepted into the Police Prosecution Branch within two years. At the age of 21, he became one of the youngest police prosecutors in NSW history.

Mr Feather also worked for a specialist unit within the Police Force, prosecuting police in the Police Tribunal in the District Court in the early stages of the Wood Royal Commission.

“I congratulate Mr Stone and Mr Feather on their appointments and look forward to their contributions to the NSW justice system,” Mr Smith said.

Mr Stone and Mr Feather will be sworn in as magistrates on 26 March 2012.