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JUSTICE HOEBEN TO JOIN THE COURT OF APPEAL

The NSW Attorney General, Greg Smith SC, today announced the appointment of Justice Clifton Hoeben, AM, RFD, as a Judge of Appeal.

“I congratulate Justice Hoeben on his elevation to the Court of Appeal after serving with distinction for eight years on the bench of the Supreme Court of NSW,” Mr Smith said.

Prior to joining the Supreme Court, Justice Hoeben practised as a barrister for 28 years and as a solicitor for three years. As a barrister, he developed a large appellate practice, specialising in compensation, personal injury, administrative, commercial and insurance law. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 1995.

While working in private practice, Justice Hoeben served as a member of the Bar Council for five years and was chairman of a Bar Council professional conduct committee.

Justice Hoeben holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Laws and a Master of Laws from the University of Sydney and was awarded all three degrees with honours.

In parallel with his legal career, Justice Hoeben has been a member of the Australian Army Reserve. He enlisted in 1965 as a private soldier, was awarded the Reserve Force Decoration (RFD) in 1980 and was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to the Australian Army in 1996. In the following year, he was promoted to the position of Major General.

Justice Hoeben will begin serving as a Judge of Appeal on 23 April 2012.