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SYDNEY BARRISTER APPOINTED AS A MAGISTRATE

Attorney General Greg Smith SC today announced the appointment of barrister Derek Lee as a magistrate of the Local Court of NSW.

“Mr Lee is an accomplished legal practitioner, who has appeared for the prosecution and the defence in proceedings before most courts in NSW,” Mr Smith said.

Since being called to the Bar in 2007, Mr Lee has appeared as counsel in jury trials, sentences, conviction appeals and severity appeals. He has also provided legal advice to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Workcover Authority of NSW.

Mr Lee began his career at the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), where he served as a solicitor for eight years.

“During his time at the ODPP, Mr Lee had carriage of a diverse criminal practice of matters involving murder, sexual assault and large scale drug offences,” Mr Smith said.

“He also worked within the ODPP’s Special Crime Unit, where he handled referrals from the Police Integrity Commission and the Independent Commission Against Corruption and was involved in the prosecution of police officers and public officials.”

In 2005, Mr Lee was awarded the Director of Public Prosecutions’ Service Excellence Award.

Mr Lee joined the Legal Aid Commission of NSW in 2006, where he managed a criminal law practice of more than 40 matters.

Mr Lee will be sworn in as a magistrate on 26 November 2012.