



# Hon Greg Smith SC MP

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### LEADING CRIME SILK APPOINTED DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

The NSW Attorney General, Greg Smith SC, today announced the appointment of Chris Hoy SC, as a judge of the District Court of NSW.

“Mr Hoy is an experienced, versatile and highly sought after barrister and I am sure the District Court will welcome his addition to the bench,” Mr Smith said.

Mr Hoy has appeared at both ends of the bar table in every criminal court in NSW. He helped prosecute former assistant tax commissioner Nick Petroulias and represented defendants charged with the murder of Cabramatta MP John Newman.

His criminal law practice has overlapped in a number of significant administrative law matters. He was part of a legal team that appeared in the Federal Court of Australia seeking the release and repatriation of the then Guantanamo Bay detainee David Hicks.

Mr Hoy has also served as counsel assisting at inquiries conducted by the NSW Police Integrity Commission, various Federal agencies and the NSW Coroner’s Court.

He has assisted Coroners in more than a dozen high profile inquiries in NSW including the inquest into the death of a baby girl whose parents failed to obtain proper medical treatment for her chronic eczema. In the Northern Territory, Mr Hoy assisted the Coroner at an inquest into the starvation death of a neglected seven-week-old boy whose body was found in a car outside a petrol station.

Mr Hoy has also maintained a common law practice, representing defendants and plaintiffs in medical and professional negligence cases.

He has made a significant pro bono contribution to the community and has had a long-standing involvement in the NSW Bar Association reader education programs, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) lectures and professional conduct committees.

Mr Hoy began his career in the law in 1975 in country NSW working as a clerk within what was then known as the Courts of Petty Sessions. After being admitted as a solicitor in 1985, he moved to private practice in Penrith. He was called to the Bar in 1989 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2008.

He will be sworn in as a judge of the District Court of NSW on 16 April 2012.