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FOUR NEW MAGISTRATES JOIN LOCAL COURT

NSW Attorney General Brad Hazzard today announced the appointment of four new magistrates to the Local Court of NSW.

Barristers Dominique Burns and Gary Wilson, Supreme Court registrar Michael Crompton and senior NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) member Tracy Sheedy will be sworn in as magistrates in February.

“If you combined the legal careers of these new magistrates, it would equate to more than 100 years in the justice system,” Mr Hazzard said.

“Needless to say, they bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Local Court and will be a great asset to the judiciary.”

Mr Wilson has more than 30 years’ experience in civil and criminal law and has worked extensively in the Local, District and Children’s Courts.

He was a member of the Professional Conduct Committee of the NSW Bar Association from 2008-2013 and has appeared as counsel assisting the NSW Rugby Judiciary since 2003.

Mr Crompton has been a Registrar of the Court of Criminal Appeal in the NSW Supreme Court since 2010 and prior to this he worked as a senior legal officer for the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.

He has also worked for the Crown Solicitor’s Office in Sydney appearing in the Children’s, District, Supreme and Family Courts of NSW.

Mrs Burns is a Newcastle barrister who practises primarily in Family Law, District and Supreme Court care appeals, Children’s Court and some criminal matters.

She is also on the Legal Aid Practitioner Panel for the Children’s Court and has worked pro bono for the Intellectual Disability Rights Service, Criminal Justice Support Network and Women’s Legal Service.

Ms Sheedy has been a senior member of NCAT since 2014 and is a presiding member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal. Prior to this, Ms Sheedy was the Executive Officer at the NSW Children’s Court providing strategic policy and legislative advice to the Attorney General and Senior Children’s Magistrate.

“I congratulate the four new magistrates on their appointments and wish them every success in the next chapters of their careers,” Mr Hazzard said.