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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW CROWN ADVOCATE APPOINTED FOR NSW**

Dr David Kell has been appointed NSW Crown Advocate, Attorney General Gabrielle Upton announced today.

"Dr Kell is an outstanding lawyer with many years' experience in law, including 15 years at the NSW Bar," Ms Upton said.

"His appointment as Crown Advocate follows his exemplary work as acting Crown Advocate in 2016, and his expertise will greatly benefit the NSW justice system."

Prior to joining the Bar in 1999, Dr Kell worked for a major commercial law firm for three years and spent a year as an associate to the now retired High Court judge Michael McHugh.

He has worked in administrative, criminal, constitutional and commercial law, as well as Counsel Assisting the Special Commission of Inquiry into certain child sexual abuse allegations in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Dr Kell has appeared in many State and Federal courts and tribunals, including the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of New South Wales, as well as the Mental Health Review Tribunal and the Judicial Commission. As Crown Advocate, he will represent the State of NSW in a variety of matters including criminal proceedings of special significance.

Dr Kell holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Law) from the University of Oxford, Bachelor of Laws (Honours, First Class) and Bachelor of Arts (Economics) from the University of New South Wales. He has authored books and articles on a wide range of legal topics.

Dr Kell will begin serving as Crown Advocate on Thursday, 15 September 2016.

The previous Crown Advocate, the Hon Justice Natalie Adams SC, was appointed to the Supreme Court in April 2016.