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JUSTICE BRERETON TO JOIN THE COURT OF APPEAL

Attorney General Mark Speakman today announced the appointment of Justice Paul Brereton AM RFD to the bench of the NSW Court of Appeal.

“Justice Brereton has served with distinction as a Supreme Court judge in NSW for 13 years and his elevation to the Court of Appeal is richly deserved,” Mr Speakman said.

For most of this decade, Justice Brereton has been the Supreme Court’s judge for the Adoptions and Corporations Lists. He chaired the Chief Justice’s Review of the Costs Assessment Scheme between 2011 and 2013.

For the past two years, Justice Brereton has also served as Deputy Chairperson of the NSW Law Reform Commission. He also sits as a member of the Defence Force Discipline Appeals Tribunal.

Justice Brereton is an Army Reservist who holds the rank of Major General and from 2011 to 2013 was Head of Cadet, Reserve and Employer Support Division. He holds honorary appointments as Colonel Commandant of the Royal NSW Regiment and the University of NSW Regiment.

Since 2016, as an Assistant Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force, he has headed an inquiry into rumours of possible breaches of the Laws of Armed Conflict by members of the Australian Defence Force in Afghanistan.

He was honoured with membership of the Order of Australia (Military Division) in 2010 and received the Reserve Force Decoration in 1995.

Justice Brereton practised as a barrister from 1987 to 2005 and as a solicitor from 1982 to 1987.

He will join the Court of Appeal on 23 August, replacing Justice Carolyn Simpson who retired as a Judge of Appeal in March.