



**Mark Speakman**  
Attorney General

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT COURT AND DUST DISEASES TRIBUNAL**

Attorney General Mark Speakman today announced the appointment of barrister David Russell SC as a judge of the District Court and the Dust Diseases Tribunal of NSW.

“Mr Russell is an outstanding common law, commercial and dust diseases practitioner who will bring considerable skill and experience to the bench,” Mr Speakman said.

After being called to the Bar in 1977, Mr Russell built up an extensive practice in both common law and criminal law and has appeared in around 50 jury trials.

Since being appointed a Senior Counsel in 2002, he has acted in hundreds of civil cases for plaintiffs and defendants on matters involving dust diseases, motor and industrial accidents and professional negligence.

Mr Russell has presented papers on dust diseases law at conferences in Australia, Greece and France, and is the author of the dust diseases module in a personal injury practice book.

He has also been a lecturer for Bar Practice Courses, the Legal Profession Admission Board and the Law Extension Committee of the University of Sydney.

Mr Russell holds Bachelors of Arts and Laws from the University of Sydney. He is also a nationally accredited mediator.

“I look forward to Mr Russell’s contributions on the bench, particularly in dealing with cases involving victims of deadly dust diseases who rely on swift and compassionate justice,” Mr Speakman said.

Mr Russell will be sworn in as a judge of the District Court and the Dust Diseases Tribunal on Wednesday, 24 May 2017.

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