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SILK APPOINTED AS A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Attorney General Mark Speakman today announced the appointment of barrister Tim Gartelmann SC as a judge of the District Court of NSW.

“Mr Gartelmann is a highly skilled and esteemed silk who has practised almost exclusively in criminal law for 25 years – including for 14 years as a barrister,” Mr Speakman said.

“He’s a familiar face in the District Court, appearing at the bar table in a range of proceedings, including trials, sentencing hearings and appeals, and is well equipped for his ascension to the bench.”

Mr Gartelmann, who was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2015, also has extensive experience as an advocate in the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeal.

He has demonstrated proficiency in other areas of the law by appearing in disciplinary proceedings, inquests and as counsel assisting at various commissions of inquiry. These include an Independent Commission Against Corruption hearing in 2015 into alleged kickbacks received by a former Ausgrid engineer.

Mr Gartelmann was admitted as a solicitor in 1992, after graduating from the Australian National University (ANU) with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours).

He worked for various law firms for three-and-a-half years and at Legal Aid NSW for four-and-a-half years. He became a sole practitioner and an accredited specialist in criminal law in 1999 and was called to the Bar in 2003.

Mr Gartelmann will be sworn in as a District Court judge on 3 October. He will replace Judge Martin Sides QC who is retiring.

“I congratulate Judge Sides on his significant contribution to the NSW justice system and wish Mr Gartelmann every success in the next stage of his career,” Mr Speakman said.

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