John Pickering SC

John Pickering SC provided 23 years of service to the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, including three years as Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions and short periods as Acting Director of Public Prosecutions.

He has prosecuted serious matters in the Supreme and District Courts, including proceedings arising out of a series of murders committed by Adnan Darwiche and his associates in 2003.

Mr Pickering worked on secondment for the Police Integrity Commission in 1998 and as a lawyer for the Department of Justice in Canada as part of an exchange program in 1999.

He was admitted as a solicitor in NSW in 1993 and as a barrister in 2001. Mr Pickering has been a Senior Counsel since 2012.

Siobhan Herbert

Siobhan Herbert has 31 years of legal experience, including 29 years at the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

She has appeared in hundreds of Supreme and District Court jury trials, including a significant number of complex cases involving allegations of sexual assault.

Since being appointed as a Crown Prosecutor in 2002, Ms Herbert has also appeared in appeals before the Court of Criminal Appeal.

Ms Herbert has co-authored publications on sentencing law, given a presentation on courtroom tactics at an international conference, assisted as an instructor with the Australian Advocacy Institute and contributed to workshops and panel discussions on a range of issues including sexual assault.