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NEW JUDGE APPOINTED TO DISTRICT COURT BENCH

A new judge will be sworn in to the NSW District Court this month, as Attorney General Gabrielle Upton announced today Robert Montgomery will join the bench.

“Mr Montgomery brings 30 years of experience in civil law to the bench, including commercial and insurance law,” Ms Upton said.

“I congratulate Mr Montgomery on his appointment to this important role providing vital oversight of the civil and criminal justice system in NSW.

“His capacity and integrity has also been recognised through his regular retention by the Mental Health Advocacy Group, Legal Aid NSW, to appear in the Mental Health Review Tribunal and in the Supreme Court.”

Mr Montgomery commenced practice as a solicitor, working in Sydney, in 1980 and was called to the bar in 1985. He has appeared before the High Court, the Court of Appeal, and the Full Court of the Federal Court in significant litigation matters.

Mr Montgomery is a recipient of the National Medal with Clasp, awarded for his volunteer service in rescue, and has served as Counsel pro bono for the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc.

His appointment fills a vacancy following the retirement of His Honour Judge Armitage earlier this month, who will take on the role of Acting Judge.

“I wish to acknowledge the Judge Armitage’s contribution to the administration of Justice and his more than 20 years of service to the NSW community,” Ms Upton said.

Mr Montgomery will be sworn in as a District Court judge in May 2016.