



**Gabrielle Upton**  
Attorney General

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW JUDGE FOR DISTRICT COURT OF NSW**

NSW Attorney General Gabrielle Upton today announced the appointment of barrister Matthew Dicker SC to the bench of the District Court of NSW.

“Mr Dicker has had an extensive and distinguished legal career in civil law spanning three decades, and I congratulate him on his appointment to this important role of providing civil justice in the NSW District Court,” Ms Upton said.

Since being admitted to the NSW Bar in 1993, Mr Dicker has appeared in hundreds of civil cases in State and Federal Courts at appellate, trial and interlocutory levels including many matters in the NSW District Court.

He previously worked in the Commonwealth Attorney General’s Department providing legal advice to Ministers, statutory authorities and government departments, and served as a Federal Court Judge’s associate and a litigation solicitor in a top tier private law firm.

Mr Dicker took silk in 2012 and since last year he has worked as a part-time Senior Member of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) presiding over a broad range of disputes.

Mr Dicker will replace His Honour Judge Michael Elkaim SC who has taken up an appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court of the ACT.

“His Honour served with distinction on the NSW District Court bench since 2008 and has 30-years’ experience as a barrister, practising in common, family, criminal and commercial law,” Ms Upton said.

“Judge Elkaim is widely respected for his temperament and manner in court and for the strength of his judicial reasoning. I congratulate him on his new role and thank him for his efforts in delivering fast, fair and accessible justice.”

Mr Dicker will be sworn in on Tuesday 12 July.

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