



Gabrielle Upton
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NEW DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FOR NSW

Attorney General Gabrielle Upton today announced the appointment of Crown Prosecutor Tanya Bright to the bench of the District Court of NSW.

“Ms Bright has a quarter of a century of experience in the law, including 23 years with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP),” Ms Upton said.

“She has appeared in more than 140 trials, including cases involving manslaughter and sexual assault.”

“I congratulate Ms Bright on her appointment and look forward to her further contributions to the NSW justice system.

Ms Bright has served as a Crown Prosecutor for 15 years and was based at Gosford prior to her appointment as a District Court judge.

Her significant cases include the prosecutions of Simon John Hunter, who was jailed for deliberately driving a car into a group of people at Terrigal Bakery; and physiotherapist Youngjin Jung, who was jailed for indecently assaulting six patients.

Earlier in her career, Ms Bright served in the ODPP’s special crime group and has also worked on secondment as a senior legal officer in the NSW Police Commissioner’s Office.

Prior to joining the ODPP in 1993, Ms Bright spent two years as a solicitor at Freehill, Hollingdale & Page, working on matters involving banking, finance and litigation.

Ms Bright grew up in Dubbo and completed her secondary education at Presbyterian Ladies’ College, Armidale.

She holds a Masters of Law and a Bachelor of Economics/Laws (Honours) from the University of Sydney.

Ms Bright will replace his Honour Judge Gregory Farmer SC who tragically passed away in August this year.

Ms Bright will be sworn in as a District Court judge on 31 January, 2017.

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