



# **Brad Hazzard MP**

## **Attorney General Minister for Justice**

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **DEPUTY CHIEF MAGISTRATE APPOINTED AS A JUDGE**

Attorney General Brad Hazzard today announced the appointment of Deputy Chief Magistrate Jane Culver as a judge of the District Court of NSW.

“Deputy Chief Magistrate Culver has the intelligence, dedication and experience necessary for the role of District Court judge,” Mr Hazzard said.

“Her stellar career has included a decade on the bench of the Local Court and several years as a Crown Prosecutor.”

After graduating from the University of NSW with a Bachelor of Laws, Deputy Chief Magistrate Culver was appointed as a solicitor in 1989 and worked for a leading law firm and the NSW Crime Commission in the early to mid-1990s.

In 1996, she joined the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and became a Crown Prosecutor in 2002.

She was appointed a magistrate of the Local Court of NSW in 2004 and has been a Deputy Chief Magistrate since 2010. During her time as a magistrate, she has also sat on the bench of the Children’s Court and been a member of the Children’s Court Advisory Committee.

Deputy Chief Magistrate Culver will be sworn in as a District Court judge on 29 October 2014.

Mr Hazzard was also pleased to announce the appointment of Magistrate Christopher O’Brien as a Deputy Chief Magistrate.

Magistrate O’Brien has 31 years of experience in the law, including eight as a magistrate and 17 years as a partner in a law firm at Sutherland in Sydney’s south. He was also a member of the Law Society of NSW Criminal Law Committee for nine years.

Magistrate O’Brien has been the coordinating magistrate for civil matters at the Downing Centre Local Court since 2013. He will be sworn in as a Deputy Chief Magistrate on 3 November 2014.

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