

Media Release

Frank Veltro SC Appointed to the District Court of NSW

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Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions Frank Veltro SC has been appointed as a Judge of the District Court of New South Wales.

Mr Veltro fills the vacancy created by the elevation of his Honour Judge Paul McGuire SC to the Supreme Court of NSW.

Mr Veltro brings more than three decades of experience in criminal law, having held senior roles in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), including as Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions since 2021.

He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2020 and is widely respected for his deep legal of expertise and courtroom experience.

Mr Veltro will be sworn in on 30 June.

Attorney General Michael Daley said:

“Frank Veltro SC is a highly regarded advocate with a long-standing commitment to justice. His deep understanding of criminal law and extensive experience make him an excellent addition to the District Court bench.”

“This appointment reflects the calibre of legal professionals in New South Wales. Mr Veltro will bring immense skill and integrity to his new role.”

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BIOGRAPHY**Frank Veltro SC**

Mr Veltro was admitted as a solicitor in 1984 and called to the Bar in 1997. In 1984 he was appointed to the position of Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court of NSW. He joined the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) in 1988, and in 1992 took up a role as prosecuting counsel in Hong Kong. He has held a range of senior roles across his career.

In 1998 he was appointed in-house counsel with the Commonwealth DPP (CDPP). He was appointed a Crown Prosecutor in 2000, a Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor in 2019, and Acting Deputy Director in 2021, before becoming Deputy Director in 2022.

Appointed Senior Counsel in 2020, Mr Veltro has appeared in complex trials and appellate matters, including in the Court of Criminal Appeal and the High Court. He has also contributed to the profession through the NSW Bar Association's Professional Conduct, Criminal Law and Education Committees.