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THREE NEW JUDGES FOR THE SUPREME COURT

Three new appointments have been made to the Supreme Court of NSW, with barristers Elisabeth Peden SC and Mark Richmond SC appointed as Judges, and Jeremy Kirk SC appointed as a Judge and Judge of Appeal.

Attorney General Mark Speakman said the appointees collectively bring almost a century of experience to their new roles.

“Mr Richmond alone has been practising law for more than four decades with successful cases in the High, Federal and Supreme Courts,” Mr Speakman said.

“Dr Peden has also worked on high profile cases in the High, Federal and Supreme Courts and brings with her almost three decades of legal experience, including as a Professor of Law at the University of Sydney.

“Mr Kirk was admitted to the Bar 20 years ago and has practised nationally, in both trials and appeals, including many notable cases. He joins the Court of Appeal, which is widely regarded as the strongest state or territory appellate court in Australia.

“We are fortunate to have this trio of outstanding legal practitioners serve the people of NSW in these important roles in the justice system.”

Judges’ backgrounds

Dr Peden SC arrives at the NSW Supreme Court from Third Floor Wentworth Chambers, where she specialises in contract, property and equity law. She commences her new role on 6 April.

Mr Richmond SC practises at Eleven Wentworth Chambers, where he specialises in taxation, commercial and administrative law. He commences in the Supreme Court on 19 April, filling a vacancy following the retirement of Justice Nigel Rein on 18 March.

Mr Kirk SC also practises at Eleven Wentworth Chambers, where he specialises in administrative, commercial and constitutional law. He will commence on the Court of Appeal bench on 21 April and will fill a vacancy left following the retirement of Justice John Basten on 16 April.

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