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Attorney General

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **THREE NEW MAGISTRATES APPOINTED TO LOCAL COURT**

Three new magistrates have been appointed to the State's Local Court, supporting the NSW Government's commitment to deliver more efficient justice in the State's busiest court.

Attorney General Mark Speakman said barrister Gregory Moore, solicitor Laurie Robertson and Crown Prosecutor Robert Munro restores the total complement of magistrates to 149, a record achieved by the NSW Government's \$56.1 million additional investment in the 2021-22 State budget.

"Mr Moore, Ms Robertson and Mr Munro will each bring a diversity of legal knowledge and experience to the Local Court bench. Through their lengthy careers in the legal profession, they have demonstrated that they have the professional skills, attributes and experience to handle the demands of working in our state's busiest court," Mr Speakman said.

"The NSW Government is committed to delivering timely justice for the people of NSW. Following the Government's significant investment in the 2021-22 State budget, NSW has a record 149 magistrates working in more than 150 court locations across the state and supported by more than 700 registry staff.

"Our magistrates oversee a caseload equal to 96 per cent of criminal prosecutions and 90 per cent of civil matters in NSW. Of the 41 magistrate appointments the Governors have made on my recommendation as Attorney General, 24 have been women.

"I congratulate Mr Moore, Ms Robertson and Mr Munro on their appointments and wish them well in their new judicial roles."

Mr Moore will be sworn in on 15 November, Ms Robertson on 16 November and Mr Munro on 17 November 2022.

#### **Biographies**

##### **Gregory Moore**

Gregory Moore has been a barrister in private practice for more than 32 years specialising in common law and family law. Most recently, he has practised in complex child protection and family law matters.

**Laurie Robertson**

Laurie Robertson has more than 25 years' experience as a solicitor and a sole practitioner for 17 of those years working predominately in children's law, care and protection, adoption, and family law.

**Robert Munro**

A lawyer with a career spanning more than 17 years, Robert Munro is currently a Crown Prosecutor in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, a position he has held since 2016.

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