

Media Release

Belinda Rigg SC appointed to NSW Supreme Court

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Belinda Rigg SC has today been appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of NSW.

Ms Rigg was appointed Senior Counsel in 2014 and for the past five years she has been the NSW Senior Public Defender.

She has appeared in and advised on hundreds of serious and high-profile criminal matters for people who have been granted legal aid, including appearing in the High Court of Australia in significant and complex matters.

Her case work has been a mix of first instance and appellate work, and for a considerable time mainly focussed on large, complex homicide matters.

Ms Rigg has appeared in many challenging murder trials, sentence matters and appeals, including high profile matters.

As Senior Public Defender, Ms Rigg led a team of 29 Public Defenders located around the state to ensure their work is best serving Legal Aid NSW and the Aboriginal Legal Service.

After being admitted as a lawyer in 1997, Ms Rigg became a barrister and joined Sir Owen Dixon Chambers. She practised there for six years before being appointed as a Public Defender in 2004.

Belinda Rigg SC will be sworn in on 24 July 2024.

Attorney General Michael Daley said:

“I am delighted to announce the appointment of Belinda Rigg SC to the Supreme Court bench.

“Ms Rigg’s expertise will be invaluable to the Court and everyone who interacts with it.

“I congratulate her on this well-deserved achievement.”

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