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NEW DEPUTY SENIOR CROWN PROSECUTOR FOR ODPP

Experienced Crown Prosecutor, Richard Herps, has been appointed as a new Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), Attorney General John Hatzistergos announced today.

“With 30 years of experience as a solicitor, a barrister and later a Crown Prosecutor, Mr Herps brings a wealth of experience to this role,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

Since his appointment as a Crown Prosecutor with the ODPP in 1990, Mr Herps has prosecuted more than 250 cases at Penrith Courts including cases dealing with child sex, shootings and armed robberies.

In 2002, he came to Sydney where he appeared in sentence appeals in the Court of Criminal Appeal before commencing trial work in the Supreme Court later that year.

His casework in 2003 resulted in the highest sentence ever imposed in NSW for drug manufacturing and supply in a case against members of the Nomads outlaw motorcycle gang in Newcastle.

Early in his career, Mr Herps worked in private practice at Penrith before joining LegalAid as a solicitor for three years appearing in Family Law and Criminal Law cases.

“Mr Herps has served the legal profession with dedication and integrity throughout his career and his elevation to Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor for the ODPP is a well-deserved accolade,” the Attorney General said.

Mr Herps commences his appointment on July 2, 2009.