



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **SYDNEY BARRISTER APPOINTED A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**

Sydney barrister, Michael Bozic, SC, has been appointed a judge of the District Court of NSW, Attorney General John Hatzistergos announced today.

Mr Bozic has practised law for 30 years, including 28 years as a barrister. He was appointed a Senior Counsel in 2000.

“Mr Bozic has practised extensively in medical and health law and has appeared in various inquests and commissions of inquiry, including the Royal Commission into Deep Sleep Therapy at Chelmsford Hospital and the Walker Commission of Inquiry into Camden and Campbelltown Hospitals,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

“He also has considerable experience in common law, particularly in relation to workplace accidents.”

Mr Bozic graduated from the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra with honours in a Bachelor of Laws in 1978, after obtaining a Bachelor of Arts from ANU two years earlier.

In his early years at the Bar he appeared in criminal trials in NSW and the Northern Territory and was also briefed in a number of ‘white collar’ prosecutions, including one of the first prosecutions for insider trading in Australia.

Mr Bozic has performed a substantial amount of pro bono work and is the Convenor of the Legal Panel of the NSW Council for Civil Liberties. He is an accomplished mediator and was among the speakers at a recent mediation workshop held by the NSW Bar Association.

Mr Bozic was a member of the Professional Conduct Committee of the NSW Bar Association from 2003 to 2005.

He will be sworn in as a judge of the District Court on July 20 and will replace Judge John Nield, who is set to retire.

“A practitioner of Mr Bozic’s calibre and experience will be a welcome addition to the bench of the District Court and I wish him well in his new role,” Mr Hatzistergos said.