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**Hon. John Hatzistergos MLC  
Attorney General  
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## **FORMER LAW COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTED A JUDGE**

Former Law Council of Australia president John North has been appointed a judge of the District Court of NSW, Attorney General John Hatzistergos announced today.

Mr North studied law at Sydney University and began his career as a solicitor in 1983. He is currently a partner in a law firm based in Dubbo and Sydney.

In 2000, Mr North served as president of the Law Society of NSW. He was also president of the Law Council of Australia from 2005 to 2006.

He is an executive member of the Law Council's International Law Section, with responsibility for human rights.

Mr North has appeared extensively in the District Court and in almost all other NSW courts and tribunals. He has also acted in cases before a range of Commonwealth courts, including the High Court of Australia.

Throughout his 26-year career, Mr North has acted extensively in Legal Aid and pro bono matters including in Indigenous and child care fields.

Mr North will be sworn in as a judge of the District Court on July 29, 2009.

"I congratulate Mr North on his appointment. His broad experience in the law will prove a valuable asset on the bench of the District Court," Mr Hatzistergos said.