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TWO NEW MAGISTRATES FOR NSW

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced the appointments of Glenn Walsh and Ellen Skinner to the bench of NSW Local Courts.

“Mr Walsh is an accomplished barrister, with 26 years’ experience in the legal profession,” said Mr Hatzistergos.

Since graduating from Sydney University with a Bachelor of Laws in 1982, Mr Walsh has appeared extensively in all NSW courts, including the criminal and civil jurisdictions of the Local, District and Supreme Courts. He served on the Criminal Law Committee of the NSW Law Society from 1992 until 1996.

Mr Walsh has been at the Bar since 2003 and before was a solicitor in private practice.

“Ms Skinner, at the age of 33, has achieved considerable success and is currently the managing solicitor of the largest office of the NSW/ACT Aboriginal Legal Service.”

During her legal career, Ms Skinner has served as a solicitor for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Legal Aid Commission of NSW, where she worked at offices in Tamworth and Sydney. She joined the Aboriginal Legal Service in 2007 and is responsible for all matters in the service’s busy Redfern office.

Ms Skinner has regularly appeared in Local, Children’s, District and Supreme Courts. She has also has worked closely with victims of crime and people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

“I congratulate Ms Skinner and Mr Walsh on their appointments and look forward to their contributions to the Local Courts of NSW,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

The new magistrates will be sworn in on August 24.