



MEDIA RELEASE

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NEW MAGISTRATES FOR THE LOCAL COURT OF NSW

A barrister and senior solicitor have been appointed as magistrates of the Local Court of NSW, Attorney General John Hatzistergos announced today.

David Day is a highly respected barrister from Orange and Caleb Franklin is one of the Aboriginal Legal Service's (ALS) most senior solicitors.

Mr Day began his career as a solicitor in Sydney and has been based in Orange since 1989 where he has practised primarily in the state's Central West and other parts of regional NSW.

"Mr Day has been a highly respected legal practitioner for more than a quarter of a century and his elevation to the bench of the Local Court is well deserved," Mr Hatzistergos said.

He has appeared in most courts in NSW, including the Local, District and Supreme Courts, practising in criminal, civil and family law.

Mr Day became a barrister in 1997 and he is currently on the NSW Bar Association Bar Exam marking panel.

Mr Franklin is currently the Principal Solicitor for the largest zone of the Aboriginal Legal Service in NSW and the ACT, supervising its operations in Sydney, Canberra, Wollongong, Nowra and Moruya.

As a criminal lawyer for the ALS, Mr Franklin has appeared regularly in courts in the Sydney metropolitan region, including the Local Court, the Children's Court, the District Court, the Supreme Court, the Coroner's Court and the State Parole Authority.

During his ten years at the Aboriginal Legal Service, Mr Franklin has also coordinated a 24-hour legal advice and welfare hotline for Indigenous people taken into custody.

Prior to joining the ALS, Mr Franklin worked for a private law firm and appeared as an advocate in a range of civil court matters.

"Mr Franklin's ability to manage a large and varied workload will place him in good stead to serve on the bench of one of the nation's busiest courts," Mr Hatzistergos said.

"I congratulate Mr Day and Mr Franklin on their appointments and I look forward to them making valuable contributions to the judiciary of NSW."

Mr Day and Mr Franklin will be sworn in as magistrates on October 11.

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