

# THE HON VERITY FIRTH MP ACTING NSW ATTORNEY GENERAL



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## TWO NEW MAGISTRATES FOR THE LOCAL COURT

Acting Attorney General Verity Firth today announced the appointments of Louise McManus and Margaret McGlynn as part-time magistrates of the Local Court.

“Both new appointments are outstanding members of the NSW legal profession, possessing the expertise and talent required of members of the judiciary,” Ms Firth said.

Since becoming a barrister in 1999, Ms McManus has practised primarily in criminal law and has appeared in jury trials for the prosecution and the defence.

She has also represented various parties before the Coroner’s Court, the Police Integrity Commission, the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Waterfall Rail Accident and the Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry.

Ms McManus is a part-time member of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal, which hears Centrelink and Child Support Agency matters.

During her 20-years as a legal practitioner, she has also conducted investigations for employers into bullying and harassment in the workplace and worked as a senior legal officer for the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions and the National Crime Authority.

Ms McManus holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts. She also obtained a Masters in Philosophy from the University of Cambridge after being awarded a bursary by the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust to assist her in her studies.

Ms McGlynn has worked for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) for the majority of her 27 year career.

Since 1986, Ms McGlynn has served in the ODPPs’:

- Child Sexual Assault Unit;
- General Prosecutions Unit;
- Special Crimes Unit (which prosecutes all state criminal charges against members of the NSW Police Force as well as other sensitive matters); and
- Advising Unit (which is responsible for Supreme Court and Court of Appeal litigation arising from Local and District Court determinations).

Ms McGlynn, who holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Graduate Law degree from the University of NSW, has also worked as an Associate to a District Court judge and as a solicitor at a major law firm.

Ms McManus and Ms McGlynn will be sworn in as magistrates on February 7, 2011.

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