

New South Wales

TOP SILK APPOINTED A SUPREME COURT JUDGE

Attorney General Greg Smith SC today announced the appointment of Fabian Gleeson SC as a judge of the Supreme Court of NSW and as a judge of appeal.

“Mr Gleeson has been a highly accomplished barrister for more than two decades, working primarily in commercial law,” Mr Smith said.

Mr Gleeson began his career at Freehill Hollingdale & Page (now known as Herbert Smith Freehills) in 1980 and was made a partner at the law firm five years later.

He became a barrister in 1991 and has maintained a private practice for the last 22 years. He was appointed a Senior Counsel in 2005.

Mr Gleeson’s main areas of practice have been corporations and insolvency, equity and commercial, insurance and re-insurance and professional liability.

He appeared at the HIH Royal Commission from 2001-2003 and has provided legal representation in a number of subsequent cases relating to the collapse of the insurance giant.

Mr Gleeson has also appeared in court matters relating to the failure of Pan Pharmaceuticals and international derivatives trader MF Global.

In 2006, Mr Gleeson was a Senior Counsel at the Oil for Wheat Inquiry.

In the criminal sphere, Mr Gleeson recently appeared for Note Printing Australia in relation to foreign bribery charges. In 1999, he was junior counsel for merchant banker Simon Hannes in what was Australia’s largest insider trading trial.

Mr Gleeson has also appeared in relation to a number of disputes involving international arbitrations, written for a range of legal publications and worked as a part-time lecturer of law at the University of Sydney.

Mr Gleeson will be sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court and as a judge of appeal on 29 April 2013.

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