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NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

The New South Wales Crown Advocate, Lloyd Babb SC, will be the States' next Director of Public Prosecutions, Attorney General Greg Smith SC announced today.

Mr Babb, 44, has an extensive and distinguished background in criminal law.

He has prepared cases for trial as a solicitor, first in private practice and then at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

He has argued cases on both sides of the bar table – first as a crown prosecutor and then later as a public defender.

He has also worked as an adviser to the NSW Government on legal matters, as head of the Criminal Law Division of the Department of Attorney General and Justice and, since 2007, as Crown Advocate. As part of that role, he also conducted matters on behalf of the NSW Director of Public Prosecutions and appeared for the Crown, Attorney General and other government agencies. He was appointed a Senior Counsel in 2007.

“Mr Babb has proven himself to be a lawyer of the highest quality, who is well versed with all aspects of criminal law,” Mr Smith said.

“I can also vouch for him personally, having worked with him when he was a solicitor, a crown prosecutor and in his subsequent roles.”

Mr Smith said a selection committee advised him on suitable candidates. It was comprised of the Chief Judge of the District Court, Justice Reg Blanch AM QC (a former DPP), the Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption David Ipp AO QC, leading barrister Tim Game SC and solicitor Robyn Gray.

He said the committee had recommended Mr Babb as “having the necessary strength and resilience” for the position and advised that he had a “genuine interest in making a long-term contribution and difference to the office of the director of Public Prosecutions, its work and its people.”

Mr Babb will take up his position on 18 July. The appointment is for 10 years.

Lloyd Babb SC

Date of birth: 9 August 1966

Qualifications: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, Macquarie University, Masters of Criminology (Illinois University).

Admitted as solicitor: 1991; Admitted as barrister 1995; Appointed Crown Prosecutor: 1999; Director, Criminal Law Division, NSW Department of Attorney General and Justice: 2004-2006; Appointed Crown Advocate: 2007; Appointed Senior Counsel: 2007

Offices: Member of the NSW Bar Council 1997-2001

Family: Wife (Annette) and one son.

Interests: Music, basketball, golf and surfing