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LEADING LAWYER APPOINTED A SUPREME COURT JUDGE

Experienced lawyer Ashley Black has been appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of NSW, Attorney General Greg Smith SC announced today.

For the past 16 years, Mr Black has been a partner at Mallesons Stephen Jaques in Sydney and has appeared in a range of high profile commercial litigation cases.

Mr Black holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Laws and a Masters of Laws from the University of Sydney and received first class honours for all three degrees. He was also awarded the Law Graduates Association Medal in his Masters of Laws.

He was admitted as a solicitor in 1987 and was a Judge's Associate in the Federal Court of Australia in 1988. Mr Black joined Mallesons Stephen Jaques in 1989, where he remained until his appointment as a judge.

Mr Black has authored or contributed to 37 legal publications, including a leading Australian text on securities and financial services law and Austin & Black's Annotated Corporations Act.

He is an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney and a Visiting Fellow in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales.

"Mr Black is a highly respected legal practitioner and his appointment to the Supreme Court is well-deserved," Mr Smith said.

Mr Black will be sworn in as a Supreme Court judge on Monday, 4 July 2011.