



**Greg Smith SC MP**

Attorney General  
Minister for Justice

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **SUBURBAN SOLICITOR BECOMES MAGISTRATE**

Attorney General Greg Smith SC today announced the appointment of solicitor Michael O'Brien as a magistrate of the Local Court of NSW and as an industrial magistrate.

After a long established career in private practice, working for several firms as senior solicitor over the past four decades, Mr O'Brien has been a sole practitioner since 2008.

Mr O'Brien also holds the rank of Group Captain in the Royal Australian Air Force Specialist Reserves.

He has conducted routine inquiries for the Australian Defence Force and advised the force on matters of Discipline and Administrative Law and has also represented an affected party in the HMAS Success Commission of Inquiry.

"Mr O'Brien is a highly experienced 'all rounder' and has worked across Property Law, Business Law, Wills and Estates, Family Law and Criminal Law. He has also appeared across all levels of court from the Local and Children's Court to the Supreme Court," said Mr Smith.

"His work in the Reserves adds to his depth of experience in the legal community."

"I wish Mr O'Brien every success with his appointment and I have no doubt he will execute his duties with military precision".

Mr O'Brien commences duty as Magistrate for the Local Court on 10 February 2014.

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