



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Hon. John Hatzistergos MLC  
Attorney General  
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## **ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES COURT OF APPEAL PRESIDENT**

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced the Government had decided to recommend to her Excellency the Governor the appointment of Justice James Allsop as the President of the NSW Court of Appeal.

Justice Allsop is currently a judge of the Federal Court of Australia and will take up duties on a date to be determined, after current President Justice Mason retires in May this year.

"Justice Allsop is one of the nation's most esteemed judicial officers," Mr Hatzistergos said, "He has had a distinguished career both on the bench and at the bar. I am delighted he has agreed to join the State's judiciary."

Justice Allsop was appointed a Senior Counsel in NSW in 1994 and a Queen's Counsel in Western Australia in 1998. He was admitted to the NSW Bar in 1981 after graduating from the University of Sydney where he was awarded the University Medal for Law.

Since his appointment to the Federal Court in 2001, Justice Allsop presided over cases involving administrative law, company law, intellectual property, trade practices, as well as tax and maritime law.

Justice Allsop is an adjunct professor at the University of Sydney and at the Australian Maritime College in Launceston.

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