



MEDIA RELEASE

**Hon. John Hatzistergos MLC
Attorney General
Minister for Justice**

Thursday, August 14, 2008

NEW SUPREME COURT JUDGE APPOINTED

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced the appointment of barrister Robert Macfarlan, QC, to the bench of the Supreme Court of NSW and the Court of Appeal.

"Mr Macfarlan has practised across all jurisdictions in NSW during his 31 years at the Bar and has a wealth of experience in commercial fields," Mr Hatzistergos said.

"He has appeared in many significant and complex cases and recently represented the Australian Securities and Investments Commission in proceedings against directors of the failed company, One.Tel."

Mr Macfarlan studied law at Sydney University, graduating with first class honours in 1973.

He has served on the Council of the NSW Bar Association and, at the age of 36, became one of the youngest barristers to be appointed Queen's Counsel in 1986.

He is a judicial member of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal, sitting on disciplinary matters in the Legal Services Division.

Mr Macfarlan will be sworn in as a Supreme Court Judge and a Judge of the Court of Appeal on 8 September 2008.

"I congratulate Mr Macfarlan on his appointment and wish him well for the next chapter of his already stellar career," Mr Hatzistergos said.

Media Inquiries: Lyndell Coutts 0407 412 269