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NEW DEPUTY CHIEF MAGISTRATE APPOINTED

Magistrate Jane Mottley has been elevated to the position of a Deputy Chief Magistrate of NSW, Attorney General John Hatzistergos announced today.

Mr Hatzistergos said Magistrate Mottley would replace Deputy Chief Magistrate Helen Syme who has been appointed a judge of the District Court of NSW.

“Magistrate Mottley is a highly regarded judicial officer who has served as a magistrate for almost a third of her 30 year legal career,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

“Her association with Local Courts dates back to 1979, when she began working as a registry clerk at North Sydney Courthouse.”

Magistrate Mottley was appointed a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW in 1989. She worked as a legal officer for the State Drug Crime Commission and a NSW Legal Aid duty solicitor before joining the bench of Local Courts in February 2000.

Magistrate Mottley served as a Children’s Magistrate between 2001 and 2003. She is currently based at Burwood Local Court.

Her appointment as a Deputy Chief Magistrate commences on 26 May 2009.

“I congratulate Magistrate Mottley on her appointment and anticipate that she will continue to make a valuable contribution to the NSW justice system,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

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