



# MEDIA RELEASE

Hon. John Hatzistergos MLC  
Attorney General  
Minister for Industrial Relations

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## NEW MAGISTRATE APPOINTED

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced the appointment of Albert Sbrizzi to the bench of the Local Court of NSW.

“Mr Sbrizzi is one of the most experienced criminal lawyers at Legal Aid NSW, where he has been providing legal services to disadvantaged people for some 20 years,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

Based in Sydney’s southwest, Mr Sbrizzi’s responsibilities include appearing for defendants in Local Court and committal matters as well as supervising and mentoring other solicitors in Legal Aid.

While at Legal Aid, he has also practiced widely in District Court matters, appearing for defendants during sentencing proceedings and in appeals against convictions and sentences.

Mr Sbrizzi began his career as a social worker at the Department of Community Services (DoCS) in 1977 after obtaining a Bachelor of Social Studies (Social Work) from the University of Sydney.

He commenced working as a solicitor for DoCS in 1983, after graduating with a Bachelor of Law from the University of NSW.

During his nine years at DoCS, Mr Sbrizzi prosecuted criminal matters in the Children’s Court on behalf of police and was involved in child welfare proceedings in the Supreme Court and custody matters in the Family Court.

Mr Sbrizzi will be sworn in as a magistrate on November 16.

“I welcome the appointment of Mr Sbrizzi and look forward to his contribution to the Local Court,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

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