

had a large litigation practice, was invariably the best prepared lawyer in the room, noting that:

One leading silk discovered this to his cost when deciding to cross-examine you on an interlocutory application in the complex Ingot proceedings. Those who were there report that each question was hit for six, with your Honour having scored a century before lunch. It confirmed the view of many that you would have been a fine barrister; indeed you surprised many by resisting the move.

In replying, Justice Black paid tribute to various formative influences on his career, including the lectures he received from Meagher, Gummow, Lehane and Heydon in equity and from Jennifer (now professor) Hill in company law. He noted the privilege of having worked for Justice Lockhart and acknowledged the late judge's 'great intelligence, integrity and charm', observing that

'I would be very satisfied with my own time on the bench if I could show a portion of his qualities.' His Honour also paid tribute to his professional colleagues at Mallesons two of whom he will join on the Supreme Court Bench: Justice Richard White for whom he was a summer clerk and Justice Julie Ward who was his initial supervising partner on his commencement at Mallesons. He also paid tribute to his wife, Leonie, principal of Manly Village Primary School, 'whose very strong commitment to serving the community good in the New South Wales public school system will serve as an example to me.'

## DPP Lloyd Babb SC

On 18 July 2011 Lloyd Babb SC became the new director of public prosecutions in New South Wales.

Lloyd Babb attained his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degrees from Macquarie University in 1989. He was awarded a Rotary International Foundation Scholarship, which enabled him to complete a Masters in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1991, but this was soon followed by another period of study abroad, this time as a visiting fellow at Copenhagen University's Institute of Criminology between September 1992 and June 1993.

He returned to Australia in November 1993 and after a brief spell in DJ Fisher and Associates he moved to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, where he served as a solicitor advocate.

Lloyd Babb began practising at the bar in August 1995, at 5th Floor Wentworth Chambers. He gave generously of his time and expertise, serving on the Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee, Professional Conduct Committee 4 and the Bar Council between 1997 and 2001.



In 1999 he was appointed as a crown prosecutor and so began more than a decade of service to the people of New South Wales. In 2004 he was appointed director of the Criminal Law Review Division of the Attorney General's Department. In 2007 he was appointed as crown advocate for a seven year term and in October of that year he took silk.

In making his announcement about the appointment of Mr Babb, Attorney General Greg Smith SC said: 'Mr Babb has proven himself to be a lawyer of the highest quality, who is well versed with all aspects of criminal law'.

Mr Babb's appointment is for 10 years.