

District Court appointments

His Honour Judge Christopher Hoy SC was sworn in on 16 April 2012.

Judge Hoy SC completed his secondary education in 1974 and went to work in the NSW Public Service for the next 12 years. During that time, he occupied a variety of positions, including that of chamber magistrate and clerk of the court; senior legal officer (prosecuting and advising) in the Department of Corrective Services; legal officer in the Industrial Relations Division of the NSW Public Service Board and bills clerk in the attorney general's ministerial office.

His Honour attained a bachelor of legal studies at Macquarie University in 1983 and was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales on 3 May 1985. In the following year he joined the firm of AS Lamrock and Son, in Penrith, as a litigation solicitor. His practice covered criminal work, civil litigation, administrative law, liquor licensing, industrial disputes and government appeals and tribunals.

His Honour was called to the bar in April 1989. He licensed a room at Lachlan Macquarie Chambers in Parramatta and read with David Higgs and John Shaw. After 12 months in Frederick Jordan Chambers he moved to 12th Floor Selborne Chambers, where he remained until his appointment to the District Court.

His practice grew to encompass criminal law and administrative law, with a heavy emphasis on appearing as counsel assisting coronial inquiries and statutory tribunals, such as the Police Integrity Commission.

His Honour was appointed senior counsel in 2008.

Speaking on behalf of the New South Wales Bar, President Bernard Coles QC said:

Your Honour has given your time and expertise, and generously so, for the betterment of the profession, through the Bar Practice Course and the Continuing Professional Development Program. You have coached junior barristers in the art of advocacy; taught cross-examination to the readers; chaired or presented CPD seminars on topics as diverse as 'Securing Payment of Barristers' Fees' to 'The Repeal of the Justices Act'.



Your Honour has made an invaluable contribution to the justice system through your ongoing membership of the Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee (2000-2004; 2010 -), and Professional Conduct committees 1 and 2.

There can be no doubt that your Honour's appointment is an excellent one and the bar congratulates you.