

APPOINTMENTS

of readers, some of whom are here today. One of them, Simon Chapple, speaks highly of your generosity of time. These are important and time consuming duties, and I thank you for your time and dedication.

However, your chief contribution as a member of the Association is your Honour's pivotal achievements on the Bar Hockey Team, whether that be on the field, as an

organiser, or as an occasional correspondent for the sports pages of *Bar News*. I'm sure your Honour was also on the front foot when it came to hockey social functions. Your Honour has also served as a member of the Sydney Hockey Association Judiciary Panel and the NSW Hockey Association Member Protection Tribunal.

Local Court of New South Wales

Michael Crompton and Gary Wilson were sworn-in as magistrates of the NSW Local Court on 23 February 2015. Jeffrey Phillips SC spoke on behalf of the bar.

Magistrate Gary Wilson

His Honour completed a Diploma of Law from the Solicitors Admissions Board in 1982 and was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in July the following year. His Honour began work as a solicitor at Glover & Glover Lawyers before moving to Minter Ellison in 1997.

His Honour began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 2 April 2001. He read with Michael Inglis in State Chambers, before taking a room in Denman Chambers in 2006, where he stayed until the time of his appointment. He built up a thriving, diverse practice in professional negligence, insurance, motor accidents, employment and criminal law. He appeared before a broad range of courts and tribunals – from the Local Court to the Court of Appeal.

For five years his Honour was on the roster of the Duty Barrister Scheme (in the Downing Centre) and the Bar Association's Legal Assistance Referral Scheme.

His Honour is also an accomplished yachtsman, having competed in three Sydney to Hobart races. He is also an avid skier and was a member of the Thredbo Ski Patrol for 18 years.

Magistrate Michael Crompton

His Honour studied Arts at the University of Queensland. He went on to study law at Queensland University of Technology, from which he graduated in 2000. As a student, he was an associate to his Honour Judge Neil McLauchlan QC of the Queensland District Court.

In August 2000 he began work as a solicitor with Legal Aid Queensland, working as a youth advocate who represented juveniles charged with serious criminal offences. During this time he appeared as duty lawyer in the District Court, the Children's Court and regional Magistrates courts. Following a year spent as a legal officer at the Queensland DPP, he travelled to London, where he was admitted as a solicitor in the High Court of England and Wales. From 2002 to 2004 he worked for the firm of Reynolds Porter Chamberlain managing Hague Convention child abduction cases, domestic and international adoption proceedings and guardianship matters.

Upon his return to Australia in 2005 he came to Sydney and worked as a legal officer and advocate at the Commonwealth DPP and the NSW Crown Solicitor's Office. He acquired extensive experience in a wide range of complex federal criminal matters involving, among other things, people smuggling, sex tourism, terrorism and other offences against the Customs Act, the Migration Act and the Criminal Code.

In October 2010 his Honour was appointed as a registrar of the Supreme Court of NSW, where he remained until his appointment to the Local Court. By his Honour's own tally, he was responsible for managing more than 470 Court of Criminal Appeal hearings and in excess of 4,000 Supreme Court bail applications per year.