



# Hon Greg Smith SC MP

Attorney General  
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### DEPUTY DPP APPOINTED DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

The Attorney General, Greg Smith SC, today announced the appointment of David Arnott SC as a judge of the District Court of NSW.

“Mr Arnott is one of the state’s most senior and accomplished prosecutors, who has appeared in all criminal courts in NSW and in the High Court,” Mr Smith said.

“Since being appointed Senior Counsel in 2005, Mr Arnott has appeared in many complex appeal matters, including virtually every case in which a five-judge bench sat in the Court of Criminal Appeal.”

After studying law at the University of Sydney, Mr Arnott was admitted as a solicitor in 1977. His career has included three years as a solicitor, 11 years at the private Bar and more than 20 years as a Crown Prosecutor. Recently, he has served as a Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions and as Acting Crown Advocate.

“While Mr Arnott is best known for his work in criminal proceedings, he also practised extensively in civil law throughout the 1980s,” Mr Smith said.

“The depth and diversity of his legal experience will be invaluable assets when he joins the bench of the District Court.”

Mr Arnott will be sworn in as a District Court judge on 13 February 2012.