



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Hon. John Hatzistergos MLC  
Attorney General  
Minister for Industrial Relations**

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## **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS SOLICITOR APPOINTED MAGISTRATE**

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced he would recommend to Her Excellency the Governor the appointment of Bowral solicitor Susan McGowan to the bench of the NSW Local Court.

Ms McGowan has practised law for more than a quarter of a century and has been a partner in a Bowral law firm since 1989.

“In a country practice, solicitors advise on a wide range of legal matters. Such experience will be an important asset for Ms McGowan in her new role as a NSW magistrate,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

Ms McGowan has an extensive knowledge of all court jurisdictions in NSW, including the Local Court. She has practised principally in the areas of general commercial and civil matters, property and contract law, wills and estates.

Over the past 10 years, Ms McGowan has also worked as an arbitrator and has frequently taken part in mediations in the Supreme Court of NSW.

Ms McGowan is a counsellor of the Law Society of NSW and is a member of its Disclosures Committee, Conduct Committee and Accreditation Board.

Ms McGowan will be sworn in as a magistrate on November 30.

“I congratulate Ms McGowan on her appointment and I wish her every success in her new role,” Mr Hatzistergos said.