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NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SUPREME COURT

District Court judges Deborah Sweeney and Richard Weinstein SC have been appointed to the NSW Supreme Court, and Supreme Court Judge Christine Adamson has also been appointed as a Judge of Appeal.

Attorney General Mark Speakman congratulated the appointees, who bring decades of judicial experience to their new roles.

“Judge Sweeney was appointed a judge of the District Court 16 years ago following a distinguished term as a magistrate of the Local Court and contributions to the work of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the NSW Crime Commission and the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.

“Judge Weinstein was appointed to the District Court in 2019 after a 20-year career at the New South Wales Bar, with an eminent practice in common law and equity. His Honour was an exemplary mediator with a common sense approach to alternative dispute resolution.

“Justice Adamson has sat as a judge of the Supreme Court’s Common Law Division for more than a decade, following a distinguished career at the Bar. Her Honour has an extraordinary work ethic, and her expertise will be invaluable to the Court of Appeal.”

Judge Weinstein will be sworn in on 1 February 2023. Judge Sweeney will be sworn in on 8 February 2023. Justice Adamson will commence as a Judge of Appeal on 3 February 2023.

Biographies

Deborah Sweeney

Judge Sweeney started her career with the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions before being appointed as a magistrate of the Local Court in 1996. She was sworn in as a judge of the District Court in 2006.

Richard Weinstein SC

Judge Weinstein’s legal career spans academia, alternative dispute resolution, wills and probate law, inquests and commissions of inquiry, personal injury and medical and professional negligence. He took silk in 2011. He was sworn in as a District Court judge in 2019. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of New South Wales.

The Hon Christine Adamson

Called to the Bar in 1989, Justice Adamson practised as a barrister in administrative, appellate, commercial, equity, insurance, professional negligence, property, trade practices and competition law. Her Honour took silk in 2003. She was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2011.

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