

## His Hon Judge Brian Knox SC

His Honour Judge Brian Knox SC was sworn in as a judge of the District Court of New South Wales on 14 February 2005 and brings to that court not only many years at the Bar which culminated in his appointment as a silk in 2002 and as deputy senior crown prosecutor in 2004 but also an extensive and varied career prior to coming to the Bar in 1989. That career included time spent as editor of the *Commonwealth Parliamentary Handbook*, as assistant secretary and research officer to the Senate Select Committee on Securities and Exchange, as a Principal legal officer in the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department, as the principal registrar of the Family Court of Australia (between 1983 and 1986) and, immediately prior to coming to the Bar, as the Commonwealth's director of legal services within the New South Wales Office of the Australian Government Solicitor.

Speaking on behalf of the Bar at his Honour's swearing in, Harrison SC said:

It's well known that you have a golden retriever called 'Judge'. This says a lot about you and the view that you have of yourself. For example, I also have a dog, but being fairly modest, I call him 'deputy registrar'. Self-confidence is an essential attribute for a judicial officer in the third millennium.

Harrison continued:

I have it on good authority that you consistently refer to yourself as a middle aged man. This has to cease immediately. This is precisely what the Murdoch press wants to hear. From now on, in all press releases accompanying any of your judgments, you are 'new age' not 'middle aged', 'thirty something', or at least 'no more than early 40s', you know that Powderfinger is not what a baker has and a Silverchair is not some form of motorised transport in a nursing home. The fact is, judges of this court today represent the community in terms of age, gender, attitude and life experiences and they serve the community well for that reason. You will fit in well here.



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