

Attorney General Greg Smith SC



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The Honourable Greg Smith SC MP was sworn in as attorney general and minister for justice on 3 April 2011 by Chief Justice Spigelman AC in his capacity as lieutenant governor of New South Wales.

After graduating from Sydney University with an LLB, the new attorney practised as a solicitor from admission in 1973 in several city firms and later at the Commonwealth Deputy Crown Solicitor's Office, Sydney from 1975 to 1984, mainly in the Prosecutions Section, rising to the position of principal legal officer. In 1982–1983, he worked as an instructing solicitor to the Stewart Royal Commission into Drug Trafficking (otherwise known as the Mr Asia syndicate). Following

this appointment, he became the senior assistant DPP when the Commonwealth DPP Office opened in Sydney in 1984 and held this post until 1985 when he was appointed the senior advisor (Legal) to the National Crime Authority in Sydney.

He was admitted to the bar in 1987 and appointed a NSW crown prosecutor in the same year. From September 1992 to November 1993, he was seconded to ICAC as counsel assisting on the Operation Molloo investigation into police corruption. In 1998 he was appointed a deputy senior crown prosecutor and prosecuted hundreds of criminal trials. He was appointed the deputy director of public prosecutions in April of 2002,

a post from which he regularly appeared in the High Court and other appellate courts as well as assisting in the management of the office and the performance of the director's functions where delegated. He was appointed senior counsel on 29 September 2004.

The attorney was elected as the member for Epping on 24 March 2007 and soon after was appointed as shadow attorney general and shadow minister for justice and shadow minister for juvenile justice in the New South Wales Parliament.