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Media Release
Lloyd Babb SC appointed to Industrial Relations Commission

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Former Director of Public Prosecutions Lloyd Babb SC has been appointed as a Deputy President and Judicial Member of the NSW Industrial Relations Commission.

Mr Babb is recognised as one of Australia's leading Senior Counsel with more than three decades' experience including as Director of Public Prosecutions in both NSW and the Northern Territory.

His track record of independent, impartial decision making and extensive criminal trial and appellate experience, including before the High Court, will be an asset to the state's independent workplace umpire.

Mr Babb first joined the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in 1993 as a solicitor and was admitted to the NSW Bar in 1995.

He went onto work as a Crown Prosecutor, Public Defender and Crown Advocate. He was the Director of Public Prosecutions in NSW from 2011 until 2021 and in the NT between 2022 and 2025.

Mr Babb will be sworn in on 28 July. His appointment follows the appointment of Deputy President Janet McDonald and four additional commissioners earlier this month.

Attorney General Michael Daley said:

"Lloyd Babb SC is an outstanding lawyer with a formidable intellect and an exceptional breadth of legal experience.

"He brings deep expertise in criminal law, professional leadership and a proven capacity to deal with complex and sensitive matters.

"His appointment is a welcome addition to the Industrial Relations Commission and will further strengthen its ability to serve the people of this state."

Acting Minister for Industrial Relations and Work Health and Safety, Daniel Mookhey said:

"The Industrial Relations Commission plays a vital role in maintaining fair, balanced and effective workplace relations across New South Wales and it must be supported by commissioners of the highest calibre.

"Lloyd Babb SC brings a wealth of legal experience, sound judgment and an unwavering commitment to the rule of law.

"This appointment, along with the recent announcement of four additional commissioners, will ensure the Commission remains a well-resourced tribunal that promotes fairness in the workplace."

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