



MEDIA RELEASE

**Hon. John Hatzistergos MLC
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SYDNEY SC APPOINTED AS SUPREME COURT JUDGE

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced the appointment of Sydney barrister Robert Forster SC as a judge in the equity division of the Supreme Court of NSW.

Mr Forster has 39 years' experience as a legal practitioner. He became a barrister in 1978 and was appointed a Senior Counsel in 1994.

"Mr Forster is well qualified to deal with complex matters that come before the equity division of the Supreme Court," Mr Hatzistergos said.

"In his current practice, he specialises in equity and commercial law, with an emphasis on banking and finance, corporations law and insolvency".

Mr Forster studied law at Sydney University, graduating with first class honours in 1970. He obtained a masters degree from Stanford University in California and has been admitted to practice law in England, Hong Kong and Illinois in the United States.

Mr Forster will be sworn in as a Supreme Court judge on May 4, 2009.

"I congratulate Mr Forster on his appointment and wish him well in the next stage of his legal career," Mr Hatzistergos said.

Mr Hatzistergos today also announced the appointments of Acting Justice John Bryson and Acting Justice Jane Mathews AO as Acting Judges of the Supreme Court of NSW from 1 May 2009 until 30 April 2010.