

Media Release

The Hon Martin Pakula MP
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FIVE NEW MAGISTRATES APPOINTED

The Andrews Labor Government today announced the appointment of five new magistrates to the Magistrates' Court.

The appointees are Vicky Prapas, Olivia Trumble, Nahrain Warda, Kieran Gilligan and Stephen Lee.

Vicky Prapas is a specialist in criminal law and is the Legal Practice Manager at the Office of Public Prosecutions, where she has worked in various roles since 1995. Admitted to practice in 1991, she has a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Economics from Monash University.

Olivia Trumble is a barrister specialising in criminal law, and is on Victoria Legal Aid's Preferred Barrister List. She was previously a senior solicitor at the Office of Public Prosecutions from 2008–09.

Ms Trumble was admitted to practice in 2003 and signed the Bar Roll in 2009. She has a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Arts from Monash University.

Nahrain Warda is a barrister specialising in criminal law, particularly sexual offences, and quasi-criminal law. From 2009–10, she was a senior solicitor with the Office of Public Prosecutions.

Admitted to practice in 2003, Ms Warda signed the Bar Roll in 2010. She has a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts from La Trobe University.

Kieran Gilligan has been a Crown Prosecutor since 2003. In this role he has appeared across all Victorian courts in major criminal matters.

Mr Gilligan was admitted to practice in 1983 and signed the Bar Roll in 1985. He has a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Economics from Monash University.

Stephen Lee is the Assistant Victorian Government Solicitor in the Police Branch of the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office, where he leads a team of 12 lawyers advising Victoria Police.

From 2001–15, Mr Lee was the Assistant Victorian Government Solicitor, Litigation and Dispute Resolution Branch, leading a large team of specialist litigation lawyers. Mr Lee was admitted to practice in 1987, and has a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne.

These appointments add four additional magistrates to the Magistrates' Court of Victoria, while one appointment replaces Magistrate Bruce Cottrill, who retired in June after almost 20 years of service.

Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Martin Pakula

"The appointees bring experience across a wide range of legal fields to the Magistrates' Court, and I look forward to their service over the coming years."

"I would like to thank Magistrate Bruce Cottrill for his contribution to Victoria's justice system over almost two decades of service."