

APPOINTMENTS

'Appointments to the Local Court'

In January 2004 he became regional program coordinator, assisting the executive director of the Criminal Law Division in delivering legal services throughout NSW. By 2006 he was a deputy director of the Criminal Law Division and then deputy executive director, criminal law. He oversaw the rollout of Legal Aid's audio-visual facilities and oversaw delivery of Legal Aid services through special jurisdictions, particularly the Drug Court. His Honour didn't allow his advocacy skills to wither away and he remained rostered to appear in weekend bail hearings in Parramatta.

Magistrate Ross Hudson graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in 1998. His honours thesis was on *The History of Long Bay Gaol*. In 1999 he enrolled in Sydney Law School and began working as a paralegal in Carl Shannon Chambers for Peter Zahra and Richard Button,

as their Honours then were. In 2001 he completed a Bachelor of Laws (also with Honours). While attending the College of Law he worked as a paralegal for William O'Brien Solicitors, before his admission in May 2002. At the time, his Honour was an accomplished 400m hurdler, 1500m runner and surfer. He was offered a position at the firm and remained there until the time of his appointment, rising to associate and then in the last five years as partner. During that time, his practice thrived and he briefed many leading criminal defence barristers, including Phil Boulten SC. Among your many notable cases were *Luke Sparos v R*; *R v Henry*; *R v Swansson*; and when he negotiated on behalf of his client, Senad Kaminic, indemnity against the more serious charge of being an accessory after the fact of murder following the death of Michael McGurk.

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