

The Honourable Justice Peter Hamill

Supreme Court of New South Wales

Justice Peter Hamill was sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court in April 2014. His Honour began his legal career as a clerk in the Court of Petty Sessions and achieved his legal qualifications by studying part time for the Barristers' Admission Board examinations. His Honour worked as Justice Mary Gaudron's Associate in the High Court before commencing practice at the Bar in 1988.

He was a renowned criminal barrister and founding member of Forbes Chambers where he practised for over 25 years, taking silk in 2004. His Honour was briefed in many trial matters by the Western Aboriginal Legal Service during this time and appeared at all levels of the criminal justice system, from the Local Court to the High Court, appearing in more than 150 criminal appeals.

His Honour also worked on some of the state's most significant coronial inquests and commissions of inquiry. His Honour has presided over many significant criminal trials including the Quami "brothers for life" trial, a case which involved over 100 judgments and 10 co-accused.

His Honour is known for his unique catchwords and his many contributions to the development of the Criminal law in NSW.



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