



## Her Honour Judge Dina Yehia SC

### District Court of New South Wales

Judge Dina Yehia SC graduated with a Bachelor of Arts/Law from the University of NSW and subsequently completed a Masters in International Criminal Law at Sydney University. She was admitted as a solicitor in 1989 and worked with the Western Aboriginal Legal Service from December 1989 until September 1996. In that capacity, she appeared for thousands of Aboriginal people in towns such as Bourke, Brewarrina, Wilcannia and Broken Hill.

Judge Yehia worked as a Solicitor Advocate with the Legal Aid Commission and was called to the Bar in 1999. She was then appointed a Public Defender. Her Honour took silk in 2009 and became the first female Deputy Senior Public Defender in 2013.

Her practice in the Supreme Court included murder trials and the year-long terrorism trial at Parramatta in 2009. In 2013, she appeared as lead counsel in the High Court case of *The Queen v Bugmy* and in the Special Leave application in *Honeysett*.

Her Honour was appointed a Judge of the District Court in May 2014. She is the Chairperson of the Walama Court Working Group, which has been working to establish an Indigenous sentencing court as part of the NSW District Court. She is also the Chairperson of Diverse Women in Law, an organisation which has been formed to mentor women of diverse backgrounds in the profession. She is a Council member of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration and the National Judicial College of Australia.



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