

Commissioner John McKenzie

Legal Services Commissioner of NSW

The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner welcomed the appointment of John McKenzie as the new Legal Services Commissioner for NSW from 12 March 2015.

For the previous nine years, Mr McKenzie was the Chief Legal Officer of the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT). He has also held senior positions at the Many Rivers Aboriginal Legal Service and Legal Aid NSW.

Mr McKenzie is a respected senior criminal lawyer with more than 36 years experience and has shown outstanding achievements in improving access to justice, particularly for Aboriginal people.

Mr McKenzie was a principal solicitor at the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody between 1987 and 1991. In the years that followed, he remained committed to ensuring its recommendations were implemented.

Mr McKenzie has been re-appointed as Legal Services Commissioner for a period of five years from 28 February 2019. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2020 for services to the law, the legal profession and the furtherance of social justice in indigenous communities.



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