

His Honour Magistrate Imad Abdul-Karim

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About Magistrate Imad Abdul-Karim

Imad Abdul-Karim was appointed as a Magistrate of the Local Court of New South Wales in March 2017.

Before his appointment, Imad worked as a Principal Federal Prosecutor with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. He worked at the Commonwealth DPP from May 1999 until his appointment to the bench in 2017. Whilst at the Commonwealth DPP Imad worked on high profile terrorism cases including the prosecution of a large terrorist cell in NSW and Victoria.

In addition to his employment with the Commonwealth DPP Imad worked as a part-time lecturer at the University of Sydney. Imad also worked as a Public Prosecutor in Nauru from August 2014 until January 2015.

In 2007, Imad was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study the investigation and prosecution of terrorism related offences in the public interest in the United States of America, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Between 2012 and 2023 Imad participated as an expert representing Australia's approach to counterterrorism prosecutions at various international workshops and capacity building programs for judges, prosecutors and senior police officers in South Asia and Africa. The programs, hosted by the UNODC, focused on upholding human rights and the rule of law.

In 2012, Imad became an Accredited specialist in criminal law. Imad also sat on the Criminal Law Accreditation Committee and the Criminal Law Review Committee of the Law Society of NSW.

In 2019 Imad was awarded Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) by Western Sydney University in recognition to his significant contribution to law.