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## MEDIA RELEASE

## NSW DISTRICT COURT IS NOW ON TWITTER @NSWDstCt

The NSW District Court is opening its doors to the public via the social media channel, Twitter.

Now anyone who would like to learn more about the work of the District Court can keep up-to-date with the latest news and information via the handle @NSWDstCt.

The NSW District Court Chief Judge The Honourable Justice Price said, "I am committed to promoting a greater understanding of the NSW District Court and the important role it plays in the community.

"Engaging with legal professionals, the media and the public via social media is just one way in which we can do this."

"I am looking forward to sharing the latest activities of the Court via Twitter and invite people to follow us."

NSW District Court 'followers' can expect regular updates including;

- Selected announcements that a decision or judgement has been handed down;
- Links to speeches by judges and initiatives of the Court
- Announcements of judicial appointments and ceremonial times;
- Announcements of matters of practice and procedures

The brief updates will be sent from @NSWDstCt. The Court's full public policy on its use of Twitter is available at www.districtcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au.

The District Court of New South Wales is the largest jury trial court in Australia and has an appellate jurisdiction. It is the intermediate Court in the judicial hierarchy and its criminal jurisdiction deals with all criminal offences except murder, treason and piracy. In its civil jurisdiction the Court deals with motor accident cases, irrespective of the amount claimed, and other claims up to \$750,000.

For more information about the District Court visit www.districtcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/