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New Crown Solicitor appointed

Attorney General John Rau has today announced the appointment of Michael Evans QC as the new Crown Solicitor for South Australia.

“With over 30 years of experience in the legal profession in both the public and private sector, Mr Evans is highly regarded by his peers and brings a wealth of knowledge to the role,” Mr Rau said.

“As the current Crown Advocate, Mr Evans is responsible for acting as counsel in, and advising on, major litigation involving the State.

“He also brings leadership experience from his role heading up the Crown Counsel section of the Crown Solicitor’s Office.

“Prior to this, Mr Evans was at the private bar, where he acted as counsel and provided advice on a broad range of matters such as industrial relations, employment law, insurance law and Coronial inquests.

“Mr Evans understanding of the importance of strong leadership as well as the need to meet the changing demands of the justice system makes him an ideal candidate for the position.”

The services delivered to the State by the Crown Solicitor’s Office include the provision of legal advice, representation before courts and tribunals, including the conduct of summary prosecutions and Magistrate’s appeals, the drafting and production of legal documents, and the management of native title claims.

Mr Evans’ appointment to the role fills the vacancy created in November 2013 when former Crown Solicitor, Greg Parker, who was appointed to the Supreme Court of South Australia and was appointed as the inaugural President of the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Mr Evans appointment followed an extensive selection process, chaired by Attorney-General’s Department Chief Executive Rick Persse, after a national call for applications.

Mr Evans will take up a five-year appointment from 17 February 2014.