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### **Chief Justice's Sentencing Symposium- Tuesday, 25 March 2014**

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As foreshadowed in the Chief Justice's Speech at the Opening of Law Term on Monday, 3 February 2014, the Chief Justice wishes to hold a symposium for members of the media to discuss sentencing, in an endeavor to explain and clarify the principles which courts are required to adopt in sentencing offenders.

I **enclose** an invitation to the Chief Justice's Sentencing Symposium.

The Symposium will be chaired by the Chief Justice and will comprise a short presentation from three members of the judiciary who have a depth of experience in criminal law, followed by questions from the floor. Senior members of the criminal Bar, including the President of the NSW Bar Association, will also be present to answer any questions. The Symposium will not be a debate or a forum for discussion on the government's recent legislative amendments. Issues relating to particular cases currently before the courts or having the potential to come on appeal and matters relating to individual judges cannot be discussed at the Symposium.

The Symposium will be a closed session.

This will be the second of three Symposiums. The Chief Justice is also holding a symposium for Members of Parliament and members of the community.

The Chief Justice welcomes this opportunity to foster a greater understanding between the media and the judiciary on the issues surrounding this complex area.

Yours faithfully

**Linda Murphy**  
Chief Executive Officer & Principal Registrar