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### **DPP APPOINTS NEW ASSISTANT DPP**

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, has announced the appointment of former Hong Kong lawyer Michael Delaney as an Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions. He joins Mosese Korovou and Ruth Townsend as the third Assistant DPP and will be based in Suva.

“Mr Delaney is a very experienced advocate and he will contribute significantly to the growth of the ODPP as a professional organisation. He will also be an excellent mentor for the younger prosecutors,” said Mr Pryde.

Mr Delaney, originally from England, holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honours degree from the University of Nottingham. He worked for the West Midlands County based in Birmingham (UK) as a prosecutor before moving to Hong Kong in 1985 to work as a solicitor advocate with various firms.

Since being called to the bar in 1992, Mr Delaney has worked on wide ranging criminal trials from murder, rape, armed robbery and “white collar” fraud and related offences, acting as both defence counsel and fiat prosecutor in the Court of Appeal, High Court and District Court of Hong Kong.

Mr Pryde said “the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is continually looking to recruit high calibre lawyers both from within Fiji and abroad and we will be appointing a fourth Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions early next month”.

Mr Delaney joins the Fiji Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions from the Hong Kong-based Gary Plowman QC Chambers.

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[Photograph attached.]

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