

# Judicial Communications Office

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## DEPUTY CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

The Lady Chief Justice has appointed Mr Justice Kinney to be the Deputy Chairman of the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland. The appointment will run for a period of 3 years with effect from 1 March 2024.

### NOTES TO EDITORS

The Honourable Mr Justice Kinney was educated at Queen's University Belfast, graduating in Law in 1983. After obtaining a Post Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Studies he was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in February 1985.

He practiced as a solicitor from 1985 to 2007 becoming managing partner of his firm and specialised in commercial and non-contentious business, in particular commercial conveyancing and litigation. He was also a member of the Council of the Law Society of Northern Ireland from 1996 to 2007 in addition to being a member of the Law Reform Advisory Committee of Northern Ireland and the General Teaching Council of Northern Ireland.

He held the role of Chairman of the Industrial Tribunals and Fair Employment Tribunal from 2007-2012.

He was appointed as a County Court Judge in September 2012. He was also appointed as a Coroner in November 2016 to assist in dealing with "legacy" inquests. He was the Assigned County Court Family Judge from February 2017 until September 2021. He sat in the Crown Court, Family and Civil courts as well as hearing appeals from the District Judges Court. He was also a Commissioner on the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission until December 2016.

The Honourable Mr Justice Kinney was sworn in as a High Court Judge on 16 December 2022 and is currently the Judge in Residence at Ulster University.

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