

# Judicial Communications Office

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## PRESS NOTICE

### TRIBUTE TO LORD CARSWELL

The Lady Chief Justice's Office issued the following statement from the Lady Chief Justice on hearing of the death of Lord Carswell of Killeen.

"The Lady Chief Justice is deeply saddened to hear of the death of Lord Robert Douglas Carswell.

It is with sadness that I note the passing of Lord Carswell on 4 May 2023 at the age of 88 years. Lord Carswell was called to the Bar in 1957 and took Silk in 1971. He was appointed to the High Court in 1984 and was elevated to the Court of Appeal in 1993 and became a Privy Councillor. In 1997 he was appointed Lord Chief Justice and in 2004 he became a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary where he remained until 2009.

Lord Carswell served with great distinction in high judicial office as Lord Chief Justice and a Law Lord. He made a huge contribution to our legal system throughout his career. Lord Carswell was held in high esteem by his judicial colleagues and the legal profession. He maintained his connections in retirement and was a good friend to many.

Lord Carswell was also dedicated to public service outside of the law, holding the role of Chancellor of the Diocese of Armagh and Diocese of Down and Dromore as well as Chairman of Council at the University of Ulster.

He will be greatly missed by his colleagues in the judiciary. I would like to extend my condolences, and that of the judiciary, to Lord Carswell's wife, Romaine and daughters, Catherine and Patricia and all extended family."

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