

Judicial Communications Office

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PRESS NOTICE

COMPETITION UNDERWAY FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE COURT OF APPEAL

A recruitment process has been launched today by the Office of the Lord Chief Justice to fill an anticipated vacancy in the Court of Appeal.

The Prime Minister has asked the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, Sir Declan Morgan, to convene a selection panel which will make a recommendation to him of a suitable candidate to be appointed by Her Majesty the Queen as Lord or Lady Justice of Appeal for the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland.

The new appointment is due to be made in the autumn of 2020.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Under section 12 of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978, appointment as a Lord or Lady Justice of Appeal is made by Her Majesty on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, after consulting the Lord Chief Justice and the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission.
2. There are currently three Lord Justices of Appeal in Northern Ireland. The appointment scheme is to fill a vacancy arising from the appointment of Lord Justice Stephens to the UK Supreme Court.
3. Under section 9 of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978, those eligible for appointment must be:
 - (a) a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland of at least ten years' standing; or
 - (b) a solicitor of the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland of at least ten years' standing.
4. Information Packs for applicants and Application forms will be available from 4pm on Monday 28 September from the Court of Appeal Appointments Team, Office of the Lord Chief Justice, email COAScheme@judiciaryni.uk. Applications must be submitted electronically by 10am on Monday 12 October.

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