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The Solicitor General supports the Attorney in her role as the Government's chief legal adviser. Alongside the Attorney General, the Solicitor General oversees the work of the Law Officers' Departments: the Crown Prosecution Service, the Serious Fraud Office, the Government Legal Department and HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate.

The Solicitor General also carries out a number of functions in the public interest—such as considering whether to refer unduly lenient sentences to the Court of Appeal—and taking action when there has been a contempt of court. These functions are carried out independently of the Solicitor's role as a Government Minister.

Commenting on his reappointment, Michael said:

I am honoured to have been reappointed as Solicitor General for England and Wales.

One of my first priorities is to continue the Government's work in rebuilding confidence in our criminal justice system—particularly for victims.

I look forward to working with the Attorney General, Government

lawyers and the Civil Service to play my part in making the law and politics work together at the heart of the UK constitution.

Michael Tomlinson was appointed Solicitor General on 7 September 2022. He was reappointed as Solicitor General on 27 October 2022.

He was previously a Vice Chamberlain of HM Household (Government Whip) between 8 July 2022 and 7 September 2022, and Government Whip (Lord Commissioner of HM Treasury) between 14 February 2020 and 8 July 2022.

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