

New Attorney General sworn in

The Rt Hon Suella Braverman QC MP was sworn-in today at the Royal Courts of Justice as Attorney General for England and Wales.

The Lord Chancellor, the Rt Hon Robert Buckland QC MP, the Lord Chief Justice, The Lord Burnett of Maldon, and the Chair of the Bar Council, Amanda Pinto QC, spoke at the ceremony to welcome the Rt Hon Suella Braverman QC MP to her role.

The Lord Chancellor said:

I am delighted to welcome the new Attorney General to this vital and historic role.

The relationship between the Law Officers and the Lord Chancellor is a crucial one. I look forward to working closely with the Attorney on matters relating to the rule of law, which is the cornerstone of our democracy and a major factor in our success as a civilised and prosperous nation.

Commenting on the ceremony the Rt Hon Suella Braverman QC MP said:

It is a privilege to be sworn in as Attorney General and a moment I will cherish as the second woman to be appointed to this historic role.

Restoring confidence in the criminal justice system is my top priority. I want to thank my predecessor for his work in this area and his distinguished service to Government.

I want to thank the Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice for their kind words. I look forward to working with them both in the unique roles we each play in upholding the rule of law at the heart of the UK constitution.

The Attorney General was joined by her family and the Solicitor General, the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP, for the ceremony.