

One reappointment and 2 extensions to Criminal Procedure Rule Committee

The Secretary of State has reappointed Alison Pople QC as barrister member of the Criminal Procedure Rule Committee (CPRC) from 1 September 2020 until 31 August 2024.

The Secretary of State has also extended the tenures of the following non judicial members of the CPRC for the terms shown below:

David Kenyon, voluntary organisation member – 1 September 2020 to 31 March 2021; and

Jodie Blackstock, voluntary organisation member – 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021.

The Courts Act 2003 established the CPRC to make rules governing the practice and procedure of magistrates' courts, the Crown Court and the Court of Appeal, criminal division.

The Act requires the Committee to make rules that are simple and simply expressed, and that help make the criminal justice system accessible, fair and efficient.

Alison Pople QC:

Alison Pople QC is widely recognised as a leading silk with particular specialisms in financial crime and regulation, corporate crime, global investigations, crime and professional discipline. Alison has not declared any political activity.

David Kenyon:

David Kenyon has 20 years' experience of the criminal justice system including: management of a Victim and Witness Service; service design; quality and assurance assessment; policy development; and strategic engagement. David has not declared any political activity.

Jodie Blackstock:

Jodie Blackstock is JUSTICE's Legal Director. She practised as a barrister for five years before joining JUSTICE in 2009, with a mixed common law practice in England and Wales and was also called to the Bar in Trinidad and Tobago. She is Treasurer of the Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales. Jodie has not declared any political activity.

These appointments are regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The reappointment and extensions have been made in line with the Governance Code on Public Appointments.

Appointments to CPRC are made by the Lord Chancellor in consultation with the Lord Chief Justice for England and Wales.