

Senior judicial appointment: permanent judge of the Court of Final Appeal

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, has accepted the recommendation of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission (JORC) on the appointment of the Honourable Mr Justice Johnson Lam Man-hon (Mr Justice Lam), Vice-President and Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court, as a permanent judge of the Court of Final Appeal. Subject to the endorsement of the Legislative Council, the Chief Executive will make the appointment under Article 88 of the Basic Law.

Mrs Lam said, "I am pleased to accept the JORC's recommendation on the appointment of Mr Justice Lam as a permanent judge of the Court of Final Appeal. Mr Justice Lam is an all-rounder appellate judge who possesses rich experience and expertise in handling civil cases of all types, including in particular public law and constitutional law cases. His judgments are well-reasoned and balanced. They are regularly reported in the law reports and cited in arguments and judgments. He also has extensive experience in steering reforms to improve on the administration of justice. He will be a great asset to the Court of Final Appeal."

Article 90 of the Basic Law provides that the Chief Executive shall obtain the endorsement of the Legislative Council on the appointment of the judges of the Court of Final Appeal. The Government will seek the endorsement of the Legislative Council of the recommended appointment in due course.

The curriculum vitae of Mr Justice Lam is at the Annex.