

# **Press release: Appointment of Justices of the Supreme Court: 21 July 2017**

The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of The Rt Hon Lady Justice Black DBE as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom upon the retirement of The Rt Hon Lord Toulson in July 2016 with effect from a date to be agreed with the President of the Court.

The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of The Rt Hon Lord Justice Lloyd Jones as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom upon the retirement of The Rt Hon the Lord Clarke of Stone-cum-Ebony in September 2017 with effect from a date to be agreed with the President of the Court.

The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of The Rt Hon Lord Justice Briggs as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom upon the retirement of The Rt Hon the Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury in September 2017 with effect from a date to be agreed with the President of the Court.

## **Background information**

### **The Rt Hon Lord Justice Lloyd Jones**

Lord Justice Lloyd Jones was called to the Bar in 1975 (Middle Temple). From 1975 to 1991 he was a Fellow of Downing College, Cambridge. He was appointed as Queen's Counsel in 1999. Lord Justice Lloyd Jones was appointed to the High Court in 2005, and was assigned to the Queen's Bench Division. He served as a Presiding Judge on the Wales Circuit and Chair of the Lord Chancellor's Standing Committee on the Welsh Language from 2008 to 2011. From August 2012 to August 2015 he was Chair of the Law Commission. He was appointed as a Lord Justice of Appeal in 2012.

### **The Rt Hon Lady Justice Black DBE**

Lady Justice Black was called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 1976. In 1994 she was appointed as Queen's Counsel and became a Deputy High Court Judge in 1996. She was appointed to the High Court in 1999, assigned to the Family Division; she also sat in the Administrative Court. Lady Justice Black served as Family Division Liaison Judge on the Northern Circuit from 2000-2004. In 2004 she became the Chairman of the Judicial Studies Board's Family Committee, until her appointment to the Judicial Appointments Commission in 2008. She was appointed a Lady Justice of Appeal in 2010. In 2013, she was appointed as Head of International Family Justice.

### **The Rt Hon Lord Justice Briggs**

Lord Justice Briggs was called to the Bar (Lincoln's Inn) in 1978. He was appointed as Queen's Counsel in 1994. In 2001 he was appointed as the Attorney General to the Duchy of Lancaster, a position he held until 2006. He was appointed to the High Court in 2006, assigned to the Chancery Division.

Lord Justice Briggs was the Judge in charge of the Chancery Modernisation Review in 2013, and has been the Personal Support Unit liaison judge since 2013. He was appointed as a Lord Justice of Appeal in 2013. On 1 January 2016 he was appointed Deputy Head of Civil Justice.'

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## [News story: New infocus women in innovation photography exhibition opens](#)

Innovate UK has joined up with Getty images and UK photographer, Amelia Troubridge, to host a new photography exhibition.

The infocus women in innovation exhibition challenges the perception of what it looks like to be a female innovator in 2017. The exhibition is part of Innovate UK's infocus campaign aimed at increasing the low number of women entrepreneurs applying for funding.

Research shows that:

- gender diverse companies are 15% more likely to deliver better financial returns
- Getty Images online searches for 'female business executive' have increased 350% and 'female entrepreneur' by 66% over the past 2 years
- the proportion of UK women in entrepreneurial activity is around half the level of men
- only 14% of all people working in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) are women

Entrepreneur Jenna Bowen, founder of Cotton Mouton Diagnostics, in front of her photograph.

The exhibition profiles 12 of the winners of the [women in innovation awards](#), Innovate UK's funding competition open only to women. Their innovations range from the optimisation of cancer treatment and the creation of sustainable alternatives to animal products to air-pollution and waste solutions.

The exhibition also celebrates the differences and diversity among this group of female innovators – such as background, age, education, location and approach.

Dr Ruth McKernan, Innovate UK Chief Executive, commented:

Research shows that harnessing the skills of female entrepreneurs would significantly enhance UK economic growth and improve the

breadth of management teams.

One barrier identified from our own analysis is the relative lack of female role models. What better way to address this than to partner with Getty Images, the world's leading image database and Amelia Troubridge, the world-renowned photographer, to showcase some amazing women?

Dr Ruth McKernan, Innovate UK chief executive, at the launch of the Amelia Troubridge exhibition.

Innovate UK launched the infocus programme in 2016. Its aims are to:

- get more women innovating in business
- give female entrepreneurs the support they need to grow their businesses
- create new role models for the next generation

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## [Press release: Change of Her Majesty's Ambassador to Angola](#)

2014 – present FC0, Head, Arms Export Policy 2013 FC0 Various assignments working on crisis management, high profile visits and the Arms Trade Treaty 2008 – 2012 Istanbul, Her Majesty's Consul General and Director of UK Trade and Investment for Turkey 2004 – 2008 Moscow, Her Majesty's Consul General and Director of Operations 2002 – 2004 Seconded as UK Political Adviser, NATO JFC Brunssum 1999 – 2001 FC0, Deputy Head, Non-Proliferation Department 1996 – 1999 Minsk, Her Majesty's Ambassador 1994 – 1996 Language training (Russian) 1992 – 1994 FC0, Head of South Africa Section, Africa Department 1990 – 1992 FC0, Head of Economic & Sanctions Department, UN Department 1987 – 1990 Dakar, Second Secretary 1986 – 1987 FC0, Desk Officer for Hungary and Czechoslovakia 1985 – 1986 FC0, Desk Officer for India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and the Maldives 1985 Joined FC0

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## [Press release: Environment Secretary pledges action on ocean plastics](#)

Environment Secretary Michael Gove pledged action to reduce plastic waste choking our oceans as he set out his ambition for the UK to lead the world in environmental protection.

Around eight million tonnes of plastic makes its way into oceans each year,

posing a serious threat to our natural and marine environment – experts estimate plastic is ingested by 31 species of marine mammals and over 100 species of sea birds.

As [new figures](#) published today revealed more than nine billion fewer plastic bags were used since the government introduced a 5p charge, an 83 per cent reduction, the Environment Secretary set out further plans to prevent other sources of plastic finding their way into our oceans and seas during a speech entitled 'Delivering a Green Brexit' today.

Mr Gove confirmed [legislation will be introduced this year](#) to ban the sale and manufacture of microbeads – tiny pieces of plastic that are easily swallowed by marine life – in cosmetics and personal care products such as toothpastes and shower gels.

Speaking at WWF UK on Friday morning, Environment Secretary Michael Gove said:

Eight million tonnes of plastic are discarded into the world's oceans each year, putting marine wildlife under serious threat.

In October 2015, the government introduced the 5p carrier bag charge. Figures released today show that policy's enormous success – nine billion fewer carrier bags distributed since the charge was introduced, a fall of 83 per cent. More than £95million raised from the charge has been donated to environmental, educational and other good causes.

Last year the government launched a consultation on banning microbeads in personal care products, which have such a devastating effect on marine life. We are responding to that consultation today and we will introduce legislation to implement that ban later this year.

But there is more we can do to protect our oceans, so we will explore new methods of reducing the amount of plastic – in particular plastic bottles – entering our seas, improve incentives for reducing waste and litter, and review the penalties available to deal with polluters – all part of a renewed strategy on waste and resources that looks ahead to opportunities outside the EU.

Since its introduction, the 5p plastic bag charge has reduced use by over nine billion bags – enough to wrap around the world more than 100 times. Money raised from the charge has generated £95 million for good causes.

An expert group announced as part of the government's [Litter Strategy](#) has begun work to explore ways to reduce the use of commonly littered items such as drink bottles, as well as considering the advantages and disadvantages of different types of deposit and reward and return schemes.

The government is also bringing forward legislation to help councils tackle

littering from vehicles and will shortly publish our response to a consultation into increasing the fixed penalty fine for littering.

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## [Press release: Pubs Code Adjudicator welcomes 1st anniversary of new law for tied pub tenants](#)

The Pubs Code giving tied pub tenants more rights and protections reaches its first anniversary today. Paul Newby, the Pubs Code Adjudicator, said: “Today is a major milestone for this new law which has brought significant change to the pubs sector.

“Parliament has given new rights to tied pub tenants of the largest pub-owning businesses. Over the past 12 months interest in the Code has been high and I am pleased that tenants have been exercising their rights.

“As the first PCA, it is my responsibility to ensure that the Code delivers its important rights and protections for tied tenants. I am committed to providing fair, accurate and timely information to tenants about their Code rights, and access to effective and impartial redress when things go wrong.

“At all times I have gone, and will go, where the evidence takes me when arbitrating, investigating and enforcing the Code.

“Today I have published on the PCA website my first [annual report](#) covering the initial nine months of operation. This describes among other activities the work to set up the PCA office, engagement with tenants and other stakeholders, and progress on arbitrations up to 31 March.

“On Wednesday I will be publishing updated figures showing the impact of the Pubs Code over the past year. This release will include information on the number of enquiries received by the PCA Enquiry Line over the past year and the number of cases referred to the PCA for arbitration. For the first time I will indicate the proportion of referrals that relate to each pub-owning business as the figures have now reached a point where I am satisfied we can protect the confidentiality of individual cases.

“This first-year data contains significant figures and shows the sector is engaging robustly with the new law.

“I know that there are concerns within the tenant community about the way the Code has operated and some frustration over the time that arbitrations can take to resolve. But the PCA must deal with all cases in an impartial and lawful manner. To do otherwise would simply increase the risk of legal challenge with the inevitable consequence of greater delay and cost.

"But as that new law beds in, cases are completed and key issues determined, I am confident that I will be able to report further progress in the coming year.

"Year 2 of the Code will be another busy year, but I am convinced that it will also be when the Pubs Code comes into its own and demonstrates the tangible benefits and real options it gives to tied tenants."