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Press Notice

Lord Hope receives lifetime honour

The Deputy President of The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom has been honoured with a lifetime achievement award at one of the Scotland's most prestigious award ceremonies.

Lord Hope KT received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Scott + Co Scottish Legal Awards ceremony in Edinburgh on Friday.

The award, voted by senior figures from law, politics and business in Scotland, was collected by Lord Hope in person at the event, which was attended by hundreds of lawyers from across Scotland. Lord Hope is one of two Scottish Justices at the Supreme Court.

He follows a line of distinguished professionals who have collected the award including Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Cullen and Sir Gerald Gordon.

Lord Hope practised at the Scottish Bar for 24 years. He was educated at The Edinburgh Academy and Rugby School. After national service with the Seaforth Highlanders he studied at Cambridge University, where he read classics, and at the University of Edinburgh, where he read law. In 1965 he was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates. He became a Queens Counsel in 1978.

After serving as Advocate Depute since 1978, he was in 1986 elected Dean of the Faculty of Advocates. In addition he was Chairman of the Medical Appeal Tribunal and the Pensions Appeal Tribunal from 1985 to 1986. In 1989 he was appointed to the Bench direct from the Bar as Lord Justice General of Scotland and Lord President of the Court of Session. In 1992 he broke new ground by permitting an experiment in televising trials in Scottish courts for documentary purposes.

Lord Hope said "I have been deeply honoured by this award, and very touched", during his acceptance speech.

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