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Press Notice

Royal appointment for Lord Phillips

Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, has been appointed a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter by Her Majesty The Queen.

The Order of the Garter is the most senior and the oldest British Order of Chivalry and honours those who have held public office or made a particular contribution to national life. Knights of the Garter are chosen personally by the Queen.

Lord Phillips said: "I am deeply honoured to have been appointed a Knight of the Garter both on a personal level and because of the recognition that it gives to the role of the judiciary in our constitutional arrangements."

Lord Phillips is the very first President of the Supreme Court. He was educated at Bryanston School. After national service with the Royal Navy he studied law at King's College Cambridge. He was called to the Bar in 1962 and became a Judge of the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, in 1987.

He was promoted to the Court of Appeal in 1995 and became a Law Lord in 1999. He was appointed Master of the Rolls in June 2000 and appointed Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales in October 2005. He became Senior Law Lord in October 2008.

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