



Selection Commission

President of The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom

An Ad hoc selection commission has been established under section 27 and schedule 8 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (the Act) to select a candidate to be recommended for appointment as President of the Supreme Court. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of Lord Phillips on 30 September 2012. The selection commission is anxious to attract applications from the widest field, including candidates who are not already Justices of the Supreme Court. The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate, in addition to the judicial qualities of a Supreme Court Justice, the ability to give outstanding leadership and to represent the Court in a wide range of circumstances.

The statutory minimum qualification for appointment is to have held high judicial office for a period of at least two years, or to have satisfied the judicial appointment eligibility condition on a 15-year basis or to have been a qualifying practitioner for a period of at least 15 years. In making its recommendation the selection commission will have regard to the requirements under section 27 of the Act that a selection must be on merit, and that the commission must “ensure that between them the Judges will have knowledge of, and experience of practice in, the law of each part of the United Kingdom.”

The selection commission invites applications from eligible candidates who fulfil one of the above statutory requirements and meet the criteria set out in the Information Pack.

Additional information on the qualifications, the criteria, the selection process and how to apply can be found in the Information Pack which can be downloaded from the Supreme Court website (www.supremecourt.gov.uk) or requested from Grainne Hawkins (grainne.hawkins@supremecourt.gsi.gov.uk; tel: 020 7960 1906).

The closing date for applications is 5pm on Thursday 19 April.

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