



COURTS AND TRIBUNALS JUDICIARY

Judge for yourself

Thursday 22nd November,

6.30pm to 9pm

The Law Society's Hall (London)

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A unique opportunity to -

- Meet members of the judiciary and discover how they became the judges of today
- Develop a better understanding of the courts and tribunals judiciary and learn about the different judicial roles open to you
- Learn about the judicial appointments process and how you can apply
- Identify role models and realise your potential to serve as a judge of tomorrow

Is it for me?

- ✓ Are you a solicitor, barrister or chartered legal executive?
- ✓ Do you hold at least five years' post-qualification legal experience?
- ✓ Have you no prior experience of sitting as a judge?
- ✓ Are you not sure if judicial office is for you or whether you have the necessary skills or experience?
- ✓ Do you want to learn about the judicial roles in the courts and tribunals that are open to you?
- ✓ Would you like the opportunity to talk to judges and ask questions about their own routes to judicial office?

If the answer is yes to all of these questions then this event is for you!

What is available on the day?

Keynote speeches from:

- The Rt Hon The Lord Judge, the Lord Chief Justice
- The Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC, MP (Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice)
- Nick Hanning (President of Chartered Institute of Legal Executives)
- Michael Todd QC (Chairman of the Bar Council)
- Lucy Scott-Moncrieff (President of the Law Society)
- Christopher Stephens (Chairman of the Judicial Appointments Commission)

Networking: The focus of the event is networking and you will get the opportunity to meet judges to discuss your aspirations and obtain practical guidance.

Information packs on judicial appointments (and how to apply for them).

Secure your place

If you are interested in attending this event, please complete the attached registration form and send it to Angela Campbell (ACampbell@BarCouncil.org.uk) by **Monday 3rd September**. Attendance at this event is by invitation only and numbers will be strictly limited to 200 participants. All successful applicants will receive a personal invitation from the Lord Chief Justice in late August.

This event is free and includes refreshments.

Could this be you?

“Many qualities are required of a judge... He or she must of course know the law, and know how to apply it, but the judge must also be wise to the ways of the world. The judge must have the ability to make a decision.

“Judges must have moral courage – it is a very important judicial attribute – to make decisions that will be unpopular with the politicians or the media and the public; and indeed, perhaps most importantly of all, to defend the right to equal treatment before the law of those who are unpopular at any given time.

“But, however, you draw up the list, and in whatever order, gender, colour of your skin, religious belief, and social origins are all utterly irrelevant. It is you who is the judge.”

Lord Judge, the Lord Chief Justice, speaking at Equality in Justice Day, October 2008