

Judging Your Future

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Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC)



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Happy New Year and welcome to the first Judging Your Future of 2007. This slimline issue provides details of the selection exercises currently open for applications and those due to commence in January. We are also asking for your help in planning our judicial careers roadshows in 2007, so if you would like the JAC to visit your area then please let us know.

We are aiming to broaden the range of information in the newsletter in the next few months and would value your ideas on what we should cover – please send in details of the things you would like to see to judgingyourfuture@jac.gsi.gov.uk.

0.1 Current selection exercises

Applications for the following selection exercise are currently being accepted:

President – Social Security and Child Support Appeal Tribunals

Closing date – 18 January 2007

Location – Fox Court, London

Vacancies / 1

Deputy Chairman – Copyright Tribunal

Closing date – 12 January 2007

Location – hearings usually take place in London but occasionally in other locations including Scotland

Vacancies / 1

Senior Circuit Judge – Designated Family Judge (London)

Closing date – 11 January 2007

Location – the post holder will be based at the Royal Courts of Justice but will visit and sit at other courts in the London area

Vacancies / 1

Please ensure that you check the eligibility criteria for each role on our website.

Further information about the selection exercises can be found at <http://www.judicialappointments.gov.uk/current/current.htm>

0.2 Forthcoming selection exercises

We are committed to providing as much information as we can about selection exercises that are scheduled to commence.

However, we can only announce selection exercises when we have received an official vacancy request from our customers at Her Majesty's Court Service (HMCS) and the Tribunals Service. The vacancies detailed below have had an official vacancy request and are due to commence in January and February.

Please be aware that scheduled commencement dates are provisional and subject to change.

Regional Chairman – Employment Tribunal

Location: Birmingham and Watford

Vacancies / 2

Regional Chairman - Residential Property Tribunal (Wales)

Location: Wales

Vacancies / 6

Legally Qualified Members - Social Security and Child Support Appeal Tribunals

Location: Midlands and South East regions

Vacancies / 10

Disability Qualified Members - Social Security and Child Support Appeal Tribunals

Location: South East region and Scotland

Vacancies / 12

Deputy Bankruptcy Registrars

Location: Royal Courts of Justice, London

Vacancies / 2

Deputy Chancery Masters

Location: Royal Courts of Justice, London
Vacancies / 5

Senior Master and Queen's Remembrancer – Queen's Bench Division

Location: Royal Courts of Justice, London
Vacancies / 1

President – Competition Appeal Tribunal

Location: London (the Tribunal is based in London but may sit anywhere that is convenient)
Vacancies / 1

Senior Circuit Judge – Central Criminal Court

Location: London
Vacancies / 1

Resident Senior Circuit Judge (Crime) – Leeds

Location: Leeds
Vacancies / 1

Specialist Medical Members - Mental Health Review Tribunal

Location – across England
Vacancies / 24

Please ensure that you check the eligibility criteria for the roles on our website when the selection exercises are live.

0.3 Judicial career roadshows

We are starting our planning for the next round of our career roadshows. The roadshows are aimed at anyone who is eligible and is thinking about a judicial career.

The roadshows are an opportunity to hear more from JAC staff about the selection process, to ask questions, and to listen to a first-hand account from our guest speaker of what it's like to work in the judiciary. There is also an opportunity for attendees to book a one-to-one session with senior JAC staff to discuss their personal circumstances.

If you would like us to run a roadshow in your region then please let us know. We cannot promise to accommodate all requests, but we will certainly bear all suggestions in mind as we plan the location of this year's events.

0.4 Myth of the month

The JAC is committed to dispelling myths about the world of judicial appointments.

This month's example is:

Myth – it is necessary to be a practising barrister or solicitor to apply for judicial office

Fact – anyone who has the statutory legal qualification for the post in question can apply. You can be in private practice, an employed lawyer in the private or public sector, an academic lawyer or not currently practising as long as you meet the eligibility requirements

0.5 Any questions?

As always we welcome your questions and comments. Please send them in to judgingyourfuture@jac.gsi.gov.uk

Do pass on details of Judging Your Future to your colleagues. They can access it via our website but to receive it via email they will need to register with us at the same email address.

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