

# Judging Your Future

The monthly e-newsletter from the  
Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC)



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Welcome to the August edition of the Judging Your Future e-newsletter. This month's summer edition is a little shorter than normal reflecting this quieter time of the year. However we are pleased to provide details of the autumn round of candidate roadshows. Please book your place promptly as they are very popular and will fill up quickly.

We include a second tip of the month and our eleventh myth as part of our ongoing commitment to open and accessible selection processes. We also provide details of the JAC's presence at the forthcoming Society of Legal Scholars annual conference and, of course, of selection exercises due to commence in the next few months.

If you have any queries or would like to receive further information about anything featured in this newsletter, please email us at [judgingyourfuture@jac.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:judgingyourfuture@jac.gsi.gov.uk)

## 0.1 Current selection exercises

There are no selection exercises open for application this month.

## 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, or the Ministry of Justice. The selection exercises detailed below have had an official vacancy request and are due to commence in the next couple of months.

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

**Financially Qualified Panel Members – Social Security and Child Support Appeal Tribunals**

Provisional launch date: September 2007

Location: Sutton, Plymouth and Edinburgh/Dundee

Vacancies / 3

**Ordinary Panel Members – Charity Tribunal**

Provisional launch date: September 2007

Location: hearings will take place across England and Wales

Vacancies / 7 immediate vacancies

**Fee Paid Legally Qualified Chairman – Pensions Appeal Tribunal**

Provisional launch date: September 2007

Location: hearings will take place across England and Wales

Vacancies / 5

**Social Security and Child Support Commissioners**

Provisional launch date: September 2007

Location: Edinburgh (1), London (2)

Vacancies / 3

**Senior Immigration Judge – Asylum and Immigration Tribunal**

Provisional launch date: September 2007

Location: London (2), North Shields (1)

Vacancies / 3

**Designated Immigration Judge – Asylum and Immigration Tribunal**

Provisional launch date: October 2007

Location: Newport

Vacancies / 1

## District Judge - Rhyl

Provisional launch date: October 2007

Location: Rhyl

Vacancies / 1

## Designated Civil Judge - Wales

Provisional launch date: October 2007

Location: Cardiff

Vacancies / 1

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

## 0.3 Candidate roadshows

The autumn round of candidate roadshows has now been confirmed. The free roadshows are aimed at everyone who is eligible to hold judicial office. This includes current office holders looking to move up the judicial ladder and those thinking about their first judicial appointment.

Given the wide range of appointments available, the events are also open to non-legal participants seeking tribunal appointments

To register your place send an email to [outreachevents@jac.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:outreachevents@jac.gsi.gov.uk) or call 020 7210 0177. If registering by email please include your postal address and telephone number, and of course the event that you would like a place at. Come along and take part in lively debate!

Date	Location	Address
26 September	London	Clive House, London, SW1H 9EX
3 October	Luton	Luton Crown Court, Luton, LU1 2AA
11 October	Northampton	Northampton Combined Court, Northampton, NN1 3HQ
17 October	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Combined Courts of Justice, Portsmouth, PO1 2EB
23 October	Hull	Hull Combined Court Centre, Hull, HU1 2EZ
7 November	London	Clive House, London, SW1H 9EX
14 November	Manchester	Manchester Civil Justice Centre, Manchester, M60 1WJ
28 November	London	Clive House, London, SW1H 9EX

## 0.4 Society of Legal Scholars – annual conference

The JAC will be taking part in the Society of Legal Scholars annual conference that takes place at Durham University between 10 and 13 September 2007. We will have an exhibition presence at the event (on 10 and 11 September) and one of our Commissioners, Professor Dame Hazel Genn DBE, will be chairing a session in her day job, as Professor of Socio-Legal Studies in the Faculty of Law at University College London.

The broad theme of this year's conference is Diversity and Difference. The three plenary sessions open with an address by the Rt. Hon. Dame Sian Elias, Chief Justice of New Zealand, followed by a panel of distinguished experts discussing Equality Duties. In the third plenary the Rt. Hon. The Baroness Hale will talk about her judicial and extra-judicial writings on law and legal education in a conversation chaired by Professor Rosemary Hunter.

## 0.5 Myth of the Month

The JAC is committed to dispelling myths about the world of judicial appointments. This month's example is:

**Myth** – you have to be talented at filling in forms to get anywhere in the judicial appointments process

**Fact** – while a well completed application form is a vital part of the application process it is only one element. The application form itself is now much shorter than before and focuses only on information directly required for selection decisions.

The JAC assessment processes, with their use of references, qualifying tests for many exercises, interviews and selection days, ensure that the candidates who best meet the required qualities are selected.

## 0.6 Tip of the Month

Here's our second monthly tip for judicial applicants!

Tip number two – always ensure that the referees you have nominated are aware that you have done so.

This may sound like common sense but you would be amazed at the number of candidates who do not. It also helps to provide your referee with the qualities and abilities required for the post so that they can comment in the most constructive way.

## 0.7 Any questions?

As always we welcome your questions and comments. Please send them in to [judgingyourfuture@jac.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:judgingyourfuture@jac.gsi.gov.uk)

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