

# Judging Your Future

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



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Welcome to the September edition of the Judging Your Future e-newsletter. We are pleased to provide details of the autumn round of candidate roadshows. Please book your place promptly as they are very popular and are filling up very quickly.

We include another 'tip of the month' in this edition as part of our ongoing commitment to open and accessible selection processes. We also provide details of the JAC's presence at forthcoming external events as well as details 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 begin, but 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 start 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: tbc

Location: Sutton, Plymouth and Edinburgh/Dundee

Vacancies / 3

### **Ordinary Panel Members – Charity Tribunal**

Provisional launch date: October 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: October 2007

Location: Edinburgh (1), London (2)

Vacancies / 3

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

Provisional launch date: October 2007

Location: tbc

Vacancies / 3

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

Provisional launch date: October 2007

Location: tbc

Vacancies / tbc

### **District Judge - Rhyl**

Provisional launch date: October 2007

Location: Rhyl

Vacancies / 1

### **Senior Circuit Judge - Designated Civil Judge - Wales**

Provisional launch date: October 2007

Location: Cardiff

Vacancies / 1

### **Agricultural Land Tribunals – Members of the Farmers, Drainage and Landowners Lay Panels**

Provisional launch date: October 2007

Location: England / Wales

Vacancies / 40

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 free candidate roadshows is about to start. The roadshows are aimed at anyone who is eligible to hold judicial office. This includes everyone from current office holders looking to move up the judicial ladder to 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 please 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. We really encourage you to book your place now as the roadshows are very popular and are filling up quickly! All the London events and the Manchester one are now fully booked.

Date	Location	Address	
26 September	London	Clive House, London, SW1H 9EX	FULL
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	FULL
14 November	Manchester	Manchester Civil Justice Centre, Manchester, M60 1WJ	FULL
28 November	London	Clive House, London, SW1H 9EX	FULL

## 0.4 JAC attendance at external events

This month the JAC attended the Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference. It took place at Durham University between 10 and 13 September. We had an exhibition presence at the event where we were able to talk to law academics and dispel some myths surrounding their eligibility regarding judicial posts.

Looking ahead, we will have a conference stand at Law London at Olympia on 1 and 2 October. We will be in the break-out area and will be happy to answer any questions and give information about the variety of judicial appointments the JAC is currently recruiting for.

On Saturday 3 November, we will be at the Bar Council Conference where we will be leading a lunchtime session entitled, "*Have you ever considered a career in the judiciary?*" The session will be lead by two of our Commissioners, Lady Justice Heather Hallett and Jonathan Sumption QC.

## 0.5 Tip of the Month

Here's our third monthly tip for judicial applicants!

Tip number three – competency examples don't necessarily have to come from your professional life. If you have strong examples from outside your professional life then consider using them. The important point is that the example you give highlights your particular competency strength.

## 0.6 JAC in the news

September has been a busy month for news coverage. The first High Court appointments to be made under the new JAC selection process were announced.

Our Chairman, Baroness Usha Prashar, gave an interview to The Times and an interview which she gave to Law Gazette also appeared. Links to both are below.

<http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/law/article2423254.ece>

<http://www.lawgazette.co.uk/features/view=feature.law?FEATUREID=358853>

## 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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