

New Commissioner appointed to the Judicial Appointments Commission

Mrs Justice Falk has been appointed as a new senior judicial Commissioner to the Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC) from 1 October 2019 until 30 September 2022.

JAC is an independent body that selects candidates for judicial office in courts and tribunals in England and Wales, and for some tribunals with UK-wide jurisdiction. Candidates are selected on merit, through fair and open competition.

JAC Commissioners are appointed by Her Majesty the Queen on the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor.

Appointments and re-appointments to JAC are regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. These appointments have been made in line with the Commissioner's Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies.

Biography

Mrs Justice Falk read law at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge and qualified as a solicitor at the city firm Freshfields in 1986, specialising in corporate tax and became a partner there in 1994.

In 2015 she was appointed as a fee-paid deputy judge of the Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber). From then until her appointment to the High Court she sat regularly in the First-tier Tax Tribunal as well as the Upper Tribunal, while continuing to work in a consulting capacity at Freshfields. She was appointed as a High Court judge in 2018 and assigned to the Chancery Division