



WCWF 'Ask A Judge' 2025

5.30-7pm 14 May on Zoom

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

5.15pm: Zoom link opens to delegates

5.30pm: Introduction and welcome by Emma Cross, Chair of the WCWF

5.35pm: Presentation by the Judicial Appointments Commission

5.50pm: Q&A with the Judicial Appointments Commission

6pm: *Routes to the Bench and Top Tips* with the Judicial Panel

6.40pm: Q&A with the Judicial Panel

7pm: Event close

THE JUDICIAL PANEL

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE LINDEN

Linden J was called to the Bar in 1989 and took silk in 2006. He was a founder member of Matrix Chambers and was appointed to the King's Bench Division in 2020. He started as a Presiding Judge on the Western Circuit in January 2025 and is also the Hamid Judge and a liaison judge for Deputy High Court Judges who sit in the Administrative Court.

HER HONOUR JUDGE MACMILLAN

HHJ Moira Macmillan was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in 1995. She was appointed as a Salaried Judge of the First-tier Tribunal, assigned to the Social Entitlement Chamber in 2018, and was assigned to the General Regulatory Chamber in 2020. She was appointed as a Recorder in 2022 and as a Salaried Judge of the Upper Tribunal, assigned to the Administrative Appeals Chamber in 2022. HHJ Macmillan was appointed as a Circuit Judge in September 2022 and is the Liaison Judge to the WCWF. She is one of the JAC pool of judges for selection days.

DISTRICT JUDGE GOODALL

Rachael Goodall is a District Judge in Southampton. She was appointed in 2021 following twenty years at the Bar, specialising in financial remedies and private family law. A former chair of the WCWF, Rachael is still active on the Western Circuit as an advocacy trainer. She is a Family Course Director at the Judicial College and is part of the Judicial Appointments Commission Outreach Programme, assisting candidates from under-represented groups apply for judicial posts.

RECORDER LUCY REED KC

Lucy was appointed a Deputy District Judge in 2013, undertaking civil and family work before being appointed a Recorder in 2020 (family). At the Bar, Lucy is a children specialist and was appointed King's Counsel in 2023.

SUNYANA SHARMA (Deputy District Judge & Assistant Coroner)

Sunyana Sharma is a barrister Head of the Inquest Team and also specialises in professional discipline at 3PB Barristers. She is a member of the steering group for BarNone and sits as an Assistant Coroner in Hampshire and as a DDJ in civil and family. Sunyana is also a pupil supervisor and mother to two girls (aged three and eight).

CHARLOTTE DAVIES (Deputy District Judge & Mental Health Tribunal Judge)

Charlotte was appointed as a Deputy District Judge and a Mental Health Tribunal Judge in 2020. She was called in 2007 and continues to practise as a civil barrister from KBG Chambers in Truro/Plymouth, having moved to Cornwall in 2011 after a few years at a Chambers in London. Charlotte grew up in Luton, attended a failing state school, and was the first in her family to attend university. She has two children and five step-children (with an age range of 12 to 23), juggling family life with her career as well as being on the WCWF steering committee.