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Biographies



Sir Anthony Campbell (Inquiry Chairman)

Sir Anthony Campbell was appointed a judge of the High Court in Northern Ireland in 1988 and of the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland in 1998. He was appointed a Privy Councillor in 1999. He retired on 31 August 2008.

Sir Anthony is a graduate of Cambridge University (Queens' College) and was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1960 and to the English Bar (Gray's Inn) in the same year.

Sir Anthony was Junior Counsel to Lord Cameron's Commission in 1969 and to the Scarman Tribunal from 1969-1971. He was Junior Counsel to the Attorney General for Northern Ireland from 1971 to 1974, when he was appointed Queen's Counsel. From 1984 to 1988 he was Senior Crown Counsel.

Sir Anthony has led a review of Northern Ireland's civil justice system. In Scotland, he was also Chairman of the Chhokar Inquiry into the prosecutions following the death of Surjit Singh Chhokar, which reported in 2001.

Gerry J.B. Moynihan Q.C. (Senior Counsel to the Inquiry)

Gerry Moynihan was called to the Scottish Bar in 1985 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1997. He is a graduate of the University of Glasgow (LL.B) and Oxford University (D. Phil). He was Standing Junior Counsel to the Scottish Development Department (Planning) from 1989 to 1995 and an Advocate Depute from 1995 to 1998. He has an extensive practice in the public law area, and in particular Human Rights cases.

Ailsa J Carmichael, Advocate (Junior Counsel to the Inquiry)

Ailsa J Carmichael was called to the Scottish Bar in 1993 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2008. She is a graduate of the University of Glasgow (LL.B Hons). She was appointed Standing Junior Counsel to the Home Department in 2000 and has been a Reporter to Scottish Legal Aid Board since 2000. She holds appointments as an ad hoc Advocate Depute (2005), legal member of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland (2005) and as a part-time sheriff (2007). She has experience of a wide range of civil litigation, specialising in recent years in public law.

Ann Nelson (Solicitor and Secretary to the Inquiry)

Ann Nelson qualified as a solicitor in 1976 and has practised in the private sector and, since 1992, in government service. She is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh (LL.B. Hons). From its establishment in 1999 to 2007 she was Legal Adviser/Director of Legal Services at the Scottish Parliament.