

The Slynn Foundation Virtual Seminar Series in conjunction with Public Administration International (PAI) and the British High Commission Nicosia 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2022

## **Introduction**

The Slynn Foundation is a UK based charity working with senior judges and justice institutions around the world to enhance the rule of law, and to improve professional understanding of human rights, mediation and legal practice [www.slynn-foundation.org](http://www.slynn-foundation.org)

At the invitation of the British High Commission in Nicosia, and in conjunction with Public Administration International (PAI), <https://www.public-admin.co.uk/> the Foundation has prepared two half-day virtual seminars for the judiciary and legal profession to be held on 8 February, 2022 in the Republic of Cyprus.

PAI is a UK based international development consultancy and development organisation which was established in 1995. PAI works to strengthen governance and support policy makers, judges and court administrators, regulators and public sector managers. PAI has been collaborating with the British High Commission in Nicosia for over fifteen years.

Slynn Foundation Trustee, The Rt Hon. Sir Stephen Irwin, will chair presenters from the senior judiciary of England and Wales, and leading specialist members of the legal profession who will discuss the topics and share their extensive knowledge and experience in the question-and-answer sessions at the end of the programme.

The sessions will be separated into specialist topics for the judiciary and topics relating to lawyers and legal professionals as indicated in the timetable below:

## **Session Topics**

### **Judicial sessions**

Case Management; listings, wellbeing, and mentoring

Topics will include listing as a judicial not executive function; specialist listing (Including commercial, extradition, and judicial review cases), use of remote hearings; control of IT and time; mentoring more junior judges; judges' security and wellbeing.

Vulnerable Witnesses

Accounts of arrangements from judicial perspective: vulnerable witnesses addressed will be considered broadly in criminal, family, Coronial and national security cases.

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### **Sessions for lawyers and legal professionals**

Case Management; listings, wellbeing, and mentoring

Topics will include directions and other preliminary hearings; specialist lists/dockets; use of remote hearings; control of IT and time; mentoring more junior practitioners; exposure to the Bench, particularly for those considering a judicial career.

Vulnerable Witnesses

Accounts of arrangements from practitioner and judicial perspectives. Vulnerable witnesses addressed will be considered broadly in criminal, family, Coronial and national security cases.

### **Speaker Biographies**

#### **The Rt Hon Sir Stephen Irwin**

Sir Stephen Irwin was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 1976 and he was a founder member of Doughty Street Chambers. He took silk in 1997, was Chairman of the Bar in 2004, became a High Court judge in 2006 and sat in the Court of Appeal from 2016 to 2020. He served as Presiding Judge of the Northern Circuit and Chairman of SIAC. He was the supervising Lord Justice for extradition cases, and cases involving national security. He served as Treasurer of Gray's Inn for 2020. In November 2020 he was appointed by resolution of the House of Commons to chair a new panel hearing serious disciplinary cases and appeals involving Members of Parliament.

#### **The Hon Sir Simon Picken**

Sir Simon Picken was called to the Bar in 1989, after study at Cardiff University and Cambridge University. His practice was in commercial law, with a particular emphasis on insurance and reinsurance, oil and gas, professional negligence and shipping.

He was appointed a QC in 2006, made a Recorder in 2005 and became a Deputy High Court Judge in 2010. He was the Commercial Law QC to the Welsh Government from 2009 until 2015. He was also the QC Church Commissioner (appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York) between 2013 and 2015. He was appointed a High Court Judge in the Queen's Bench Division in June 2015. In July 2016, he was appointed a Judge of the Commercial Court.

He is also the Senior Judiciary's representative on the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary and the High Court representative in the International Association of Judges.

Sir Simon is a Trustee of the Slynn Foundation.

#### **HHJ Angela Rafferty QC**

Her Honour Judge Angela Rafferty is a Senior Circuit Judge at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey) trying complex and high-profile homicide and other serious cases. She was called to the Bar in

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1995, Recorder 2009 and QC 2015. In 2018 she was Chair of the Criminal Bar Association. She is a specialist in cases involving the vulnerable, including young people with mental and physical disability and has been involved in many important reported cases regarding sexual offences and vulnerability. Judge Rafferty is a Contributing Editor to Archbold Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice and is co-author of Chapter “Advocacy and the Vulnerable” in Rook and Ward. She is also a regular contributor and author for national and academic publications and trains the judiciary in Scotland, Northern Ireland and England in the management and approach to vulnerable people in criminal cases. She is Course Director of COIC’s “Advocacy and the Vulnerable” training programme of pan professional training and is a Judicial Tutor for the Judicial College of England and Wales.

### **Ms Amanda Pinto QC**

Amanda Pinto QC practices in business wrong-doing cases, from the most serious financial and corporate frauds, through money laundering, financial services and corruption, to art crime and director’s disqualification cases. She is an expert in international cases involving complex jurisdictional problems. She was Chair of the Bar Council of England and Wales in 2020, a Bencher of Middle Temple, a former Chair of the Rule of Law Group and UK’s representative on the Council of the International Criminal Bar; she is a member of the Lawyers Circle (promoting the rights of women across the globe) and a part-time Judge.

Ms Pinto is a Trustee of the Slynn Foundation.

### **Joe Quinn**

Joe Quinn has been the Senior Listing Officer for the Chancery Division since 2018 and is responsible day-to-day for the allocation of Judges’ work and the management of the Listing Team, supported by two other Listing Officers, in delivering court users with the service needed for the listing and organisation of court hearings.

### **Michael Tame**

Michael Tame has been the Senior Listing Officer the Commercial and Admiralty Court since 2019 and is responsible day-to-day for the allocation of Judges’ work and the management of the Listing Team, supported by another Listing Officer, in delivering court users with the service needed for the listing and organisation of court hearings.

### **Note to delegates**

*We hope that you will enjoy the seminars and respectfully request for the comfort of the speakers and enjoyment of other delegates that you do not record the sessions or use flash photography during the sessions. Microphones should be turned off unless asking a question.*

*When may I ask a question? The speakers want delegates to engage with them and should you have a question during the session which you feel adds to the presentation then please feel free use the raised hand symbol or type your question in the chat box so the speakers may respond. Otherwise, the speakers will answer any questions during the Q&A section of the programme.*

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

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<b>Programme</b>				<b>8th February</b>
<b>UK Time</b>	<b>Cyprus Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Timings</b>
<b>Morning Sessions for the Judiciary</b>				
	08.00-08.30	10.00-10.30	<b>Registration</b>	<b>30 mins</b>
<b>8.2.22</b>	08.30-08.40	10.30-10.40	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b>British High Commissioner (TBC) Sir Stephen Irwin</b>
	08.40 – 10.10	10.40 – 12.10	Case Management Listings, Wellbeing & Mentoring Dockets & Judges Commercial Courts & Listings	<b>90 mins</b>
			Listings: Michael Tame Dockets: Joe Quinn Wellbeing: Sir Stephen Irwin Commercial Courts: Sir Simon Picken	
<b>8.2.22</b>	10.10 – 10.25	12.10–12.25	Short break	<b>15 mins</b>
	10.25 – 11.25	12.25 – 13.25	Vulnerable Witnesses	<b>60 mins</b>
			HHJ Angela Rafferty QC Sir Stephen Irwin	
	11.25 – 11.55	13.25-13.55	Q&A	<b>30 mins</b>
<b>8.2.22</b>	11.55 – 12.25	13.55 – 14.25	End of programme for Judiciary. Lunch break for speakers	<b>30 mins</b>
<b>Afternoon Programme</b>		<b>Sessions for lawyers and legal professionals</b>		
<b>8.2.22</b>	12.25-13.55	14.25-15.55	Case Management – Listings, Wellbeing and Mentoring	<b>90 mins</b>
			Wellbeing and Mentoring: Amanda Pinto QC Listings: Sir Stephen Irwin	
<b>8.2.22</b>	13.55– 14.10	15.55 – 16.10	Short break	<b>15 mins</b>
<b>8.2.22</b>	14.10 – 15.10	16.10 – 17.10	Vulnerable Witnesses	<b>60 mins</b>
			Amanda Pinto QC	
<b>8.2.22</b>	15.10 15.40	17.10-17.40	Q&A	<b>30 mins</b>
<b>8.2.22</b>	15.40	17.40	Programme ends	