The Supreme Court comes to Belfast

Date:	Saturday 19th May 2012
Time :	10am – 1.30pm (registration from 9.30am)
Place:	The Great Hall, Queen's University Belfast
Cost:	£150
Speakers:	The Rt Hon the Lord Brown of Eaton-under-Heywood, Justice of the Supreme Court The Rt Hon the Lord Kerr of Tonaghmore, Justice of the Supreme Court The Rt Hon the Lord Clarke of Stone-cum-Ebony, Justice of the Supreme Court The Rt Hon Lord Dyson, Justice of the Supreme Court
	Chaired by The Rt Hon Sir Declan Morgan, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland
CPD Allocation:	3 hours

Conference Information

The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, as well as being the final court of appeal, plays a very important role in the development of UK law. Never before has Belfast been privileged to welcome four members of the highest Court in the United Kingdom to a completely unique conference and to hear their views on current developments in the law. All practitioners are strongly urged to take this opportunity to be part of what should be a memorable event.

The Supreme Court Justices will examine the current dialogue between Strasbourg and the national courts. They will also examine recent commercial cases which have been heard by the Supreme Court. Lord Brown will reflect on the transition between the end of the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords (the Law Lords) and the start of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom in 2009.

	Programme		
	9.30 - 10.00am	Registration and Coffee	
	10.00 - 10.20am	Welcome and Introduction: The Rt Hon Sir Declan Morgan, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland	
	10.20 - 10.55am	The Rt Hon the Lord Brown of Eaton-under-Heywood, Justice of the Supreme Court	
SLS	10.55 - 11.30am	The Rt Hon the Lord Clarke of Stone-cum-Ebony, Justice of the Supreme Court	
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	12.00 - 12.35pm	The Rt Hon Lord Dyson, Justice of the Supreme Court	
	12.35 - 1.10pm	The Rt Hon the Lord Kerr of Tonaghmore, Justice of the Supreme Court	
	1.10 - 1.30pm	Q&A – Discussion	

Speakers

Lord Brown

Justice of The Supreme Court, The Right Hon the Lord Brown of Eaton-under-Heywood

Lord Brown was appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in 2004. He became one of The Supreme Court's first Justices on 1 October 2009.

Lord Brown was educated at Stowe School and Worcester College, Oxford.

Lord Brown was in practice at the Bar from 1961 to 1984. From 1979 to 1984 he was First Junior Treasury Counsel, Common Law.

He became a High Court Judge in 1984, a member of the Court of Appeal in 1992, Vice-President of the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal in 2001, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in 2004 and a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom in 2009.

Lord Brown also served as President of the Security Service Tribunal from 1989 to 2000, President of the Intelligence Services Tribunal from 1995 to 2000, Intelligence Services Commissioner from 2000 to 2006. He was Chairman of Sub-Committee E (Law and Institutions) of the House of Lords European Union Select Committee from 2005 to 2007.

Lord Kerr

Justice of The Supreme Court, The Right Hon the Lord Kerr of Tonaghmore

Lord Kerr served as Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland from 2004 to 2009, and was the last Lord of Appeal in Ordinary appointed before the creation of The Supreme Court.

Lord Kerr was educated at St Colman's College, Newry, and read law at Queen's University, Belfast. He was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1970, and to the Bar of England and Wales at Gray's Inn in 1974.

He served as Junior Crown Counsel from 1978 to 1983, at which point he took silk and served as Senior Crown Counsel from 1988 to 1993. In 1993 he was appointed a Judge of the High Court. He became Lord Chief Justice in January 2004.

Lord Kerr succeeded Lord Carswell of Killeen as Northern Ireland's Lord of Appeal in Ordinary on 29 June 2009.

Speakers

Lord Clarke

Justice of The Supreme Court, The Right Hon the Lord Clarke of Stone-cum-Ebony

Lord Clarke spent 27 years at the bar, specialising in maritime and commercial law, undertaking a wide variety of cases in these areas. He became a Recorder in 1985, sitting in both criminal and civil courts.

Lord Clarke was educated at Oakham Scholl and King's College, Cambridge.

He conducted the Marchioness and Bowbelle Inquiries and was appointed Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice in 2005. He is the first Justice to be appointed directly to The Supreme Court.

Lord Clarke was appointed to the High Court Bench in 1993 and in April that year became the Admiralty Judge. He also sat in the Commercial Court and the Crown Court trying commercial and criminal cases respectively.

Lord Dyson

Justice of The Supreme Court, The Right Honourable Lord Dyson

Lord Dyson was called to the Bar (Middle Temple) in 1968, and took Silk in 1982. He was appointed as a Recorder in 1986 and was made a Bencher in 1990.

Lord Dyson was educated at Leeds Grammar School and Wadham College, Oxford.

He was appointed to the High Court (Queen's Bench Division) in 1993 and was Presiding Judge of the Technology and Construction Court from 1998 to 2001.

Lord Dyson was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2001 and was Deputy Head of Civil Justice from 2003 to 2006. He was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court in 2010.

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