

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **JERSEY LAW COMMISSION: RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 13th August 2009  
by the Chief Minister**

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**STATES GREFFE**

## **PROPOSITION**

**THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –**

to refer to their Act, dated 30th July 1996, in which they approved the establishment of a Jersey Law Commission, and to re-appoint Mr. David Lyons as Chairman and Advocate Kerry Joy Lawrence as Commissioner for a period of 5 years.

CHIEF MINISTER

## **REPORT**

The States, by Act dated 30th July 1996, adopted a proposition of the Legislation Committee and approved the establishment of a Jersey Law Commission. On 19th November 2003, the Commission appointed Mr. Lyons as Chairman of the Commission and Advocate Lawrence as Commissioner, for a period of 5 years.

The Committee is grateful to Mr. Lyons and Advocate Lawrence, who, during their term on the Commission, have been fully committed to the work they have undertaken.

The Chief Minister therefore recommends that Mr. Lyons be appointed to serve as Chairman of the Jersey Law Commission for a period of 5 years and that Advocate Kerry Lawrence be appointed as a Commissioner also for a period of 5 years.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this proposition.

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

### **David Lyons**

David Lyons was born in Stoke-on-Trent in 1943 and has resided in Jersey since 1973.

He graduated from London University (The London School of Economics and Political Science) in 1965 with a LLB(Hons)(2i) degree. After lecturing in law at Kingston University he was articled in the City of London at Linklaters. He passed the Solicitors' Finals in 1967 with a 2(i) distinction and was awarded the City of London Solicitors' prize for the best student in the City in Commercial Law.

After leaving Linklaters, Mr. Lyons became Legal Adviser to Abbey Life and then re-entered private practice founding the firm Lyons & Caplan in Jersey in 1973 in association with Crill Cubitt Sowden & Tomes. He retired from Crill Cubitt Sowden & Tomes in 1988 but continued to practice as Lyons & Caplan whilst spending an increasing amount of time as a director of/adviser to Bilbao Vizcaya Bank (Jersey) Limited, Brown Shipley (Jersey) Limited, Bankers Trust Company Limited and The Royal Bank of Scotland (Jersey) Limited where he was Deputy Chairman until 2001.

He has now retired from private practice and bank directorships but retains commercial interests and consultancies with several trust companies. He is a member of the International Bar Association, the International Fiscal Association and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

## **Advocate Kerry Lawrence**

Advocate Lawrence is a Litigation Partner with Ogier.

She graduated from St. Anne's College, Oxford University with a degree in Zoology. After a career in academic publishing, she re-trained in law and was called to the English Bar in 1995. After a period at the Bar in London she came to Jersey and was called to the Jersey Bar in 1999.

Whilst dealing in all areas of commercial litigation, her work focuses particularly on contentious trust matters, and regulatory work and she is a member of Ogier's cross-group trust and regulatory teams.