
STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY LAW COMMISSION: APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

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by the Chief Minister

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REPORT

Introduction

In line with the procedure set out in [P.205/2009](#), the Chief Minister has decided to appoint Dr. Elina Steinerte, Mr. Timothy Hart, and Mr. Mark Dunlop as Law Commissioners, being satisfied that they have the necessary expertise to fulfil the role.

The Jersey Law Commission is an independent body, set up by the States of Jersey in 1996. Its Commissioners are unpaid and seek to identify and examine aspects of law, with the view to develop and/or reform them. The Commission's work is then considered by the Government of Jersey and the States Assembly.

The biographies of the appointees are set out below.

Biographies

Dr. Elina Steinerte has a Ph.D. from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen; and has taught public international and human rights law at numerous universities in Latvia, the United Kingdom and the Bailiwick of Jersey. The prime focus of her work and research has been the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol ("OPCAT"). She has worked worldwide with respect to the implementation of the Convention, including advising upon the calibration of domestic legislation and the designation and effectiveness of National Preventive Mechanisms. Additionally, she has provided expert advice on a variety of criminal justice reforms concerning pre-trial detention, overuse of imprisonment, overcrowding, and independent oversight over the places of deprivation of liberty. Recently, she has been working with the UNHCR on streamlining its methodology for monitoring immigration detention. On 1st November 2016, Dr. Steinerte was appointed a member of the U.N. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention by the Human Rights Council, and was elected Vice-Chairman of this body in April 2017, and re-elected to the same position again in April 2018.

Mr. Timothy Hart was admitted as a solicitor of the Royal Court in 1996, having been called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2015, and since 2000 has been a partner of Appleby (formerly Bailhache Labesse). He is the head of Appleby's property practice, specialising in Jersey-based commercial property work, including property development, commercial leases, acquisitions and disposals, secured lending, and general property law advice. His practice also includes work in relation to residential property, wills and probate, and local commercial transactions. In addition to his professional work, Mr. Hart is a member of the Law Society of Jersey Conveyancing Sub-Committee, the Board of Examiners for the Advocates and Solicitors Qualifying Examination (currently being an examiner for immovable property, having previously been an examiner for wills and succession), and of the Royal Court Rules Committee.

Mr. Mark Dunlop qualified as an English solicitor in 1993. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Dunlop worked as a solicitor in the Banking and International Finance Department of Cameron Markby Hewitt and (after its merger) at Cameron McKenna in the City of London. He acted on a range of asset finance and general banking transactions. From 1998 to 2005, he worked as a solicitor in the Banking and Projects Department of Theodore Goddard and (after its merger) at Addleshaw Goddard in the City of London. Mr. Dunlop became a partner of Theodore Goddard in 2001. He specialised in PFI/PPP

transactions (acting either for the lenders or project sponsors) and real estate finance. Mr. Dunlop moved to Jersey in 2005 and joined Bedell Cristin. He was sworn in as an Advocate of the Royal Court in 2007, became a partner of Bedell Cristin in the same year, and has acted on a range of finance and corporate transactions. Mr. Dunlop has published “Dunlop on Jersey Company Law” (which is the only comprehensive textbook on Jersey company law), and he has been noted as a leading lawyer in legal directories (Legal 500 and Chambers). Mr. Dunlop was previously the Adjunct Professor at the Jersey Institute of Law on the company law course, and is currently the principal lecturer at the Jersey Institute of Law on the security and bankruptcy law course. Mr. Dunlop is also a member of the Jersey Law Society Financial and Commercial Law Sub-committee, and has recently been appointed as the financial services law knowledge management partner at Bedell Cristin.