

Almira Delibegović-Broome QC announced as new Chair of JUSTICE Scotland



JUSTICE are delighted to announce today that Almira Delibegović-Broome QC will take on the role of Chair of JUSTICE Scotland, succeeding Shelagh McCall QC as Chair of the Scottish branch of the law reform charity.

JUSTICE has been at the forefront of law reform in the United Kingdom since 1957, aiming to promote a fairer and more accessible justice system for all, carrying out research and generating practical, workable recommendations for reform. JUSTICE has a history of scrutinising and challenging developments within the justice system that threaten the country's adherence to human rights and the rule of law. JUSTICE Scotland was established in 2012, following JUSTICE's successful intervention in *Cadder v HM Advocate*, and focuses on pertinent issues within the Scottish justice system.

JUSTICE Chief Executive, Fiona Rutherford said:

"I am incredibly pleased to welcome Almira Delibegović-Broome QC to JUSTICE Scotland and look forward to working with her. Almira joins us at a time when we are increasing our work in Scotland, and her expertise and experience will be invaluable in generating long-lasting, systemic change within the Scottish legal system."

Almira Delibegović-Broome QC said:

"It is an honour and a privilege to be taking on the role of JUSTICE Scotland Chair. The defence of the rule of law is more important than ever. I look forward to working with our membership and building upon the work of my distinguished predecessors, in making the justice system work fairly and efficiently for all."

Notes to Editors

1. JUSTICE is an all-party law reform and human rights organisation working to strengthen the justice system in the United Kingdom. JUSTICE Scotland was established in 2012. For more information, please visit www.justice.org.uk
2. Almira Delibegović-Broome QC is a Queen's Counsel at the Scots Bar. Originally from Bosnia-Herzegovina, where her legal studies were interrupted due to the war, she obtained her LLB (Hons) at Edinburgh University and LLM at Harvard, where she was a Fulbright Scholar. She has acted in a number of public law cases over the years and was standing counsel for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs in the period 2012 – 2015. Almira is a board member of the charity Remember Srebrenica (Scotland), a member of the Business Committee of the General Council of the University of Edinburgh, an independent non-executive on the Deloitte UK's Oversight Board and on its Audit Governance Board, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Accountant in Bankruptcy.
3. Almira Delibegović-Broome QC will be taking over from Shelagh McCall QC on 21 June and both Shelagh and the Vice Chair, Catherine Smith QC, will provide additional support until a new Vice-Chair is appointed.
4. Please direct queries to JUSTICE at admin@justice.org.uk