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**RETIREMENT OF SIR CHRISTOPHER STAUGHTON PRESIDENT OF THE
COURT OF APPEAL 2005-2006**

The Hon J J Holliday, Acting Chief Minister hosted a reception today in honour of the Right Honourable Sir Christopher who has retired as President of the Court of Appeal. The reception was attended by some of Gibraltar's Judges and Magistrates, Queen's Counsels, representatives of the Gibraltar Bar Council and the staff of the Supreme and Magistrate's Court. Sir Christopher joined our Court of Appeal following his retirement as a Lord Justice of Appeal in London in 2000.

Sir Christopher has been the sixth President. His work in the Court of Appeal, as a Justice and latterly as its President, has earned Sir Christopher the respect of the Gibraltar Bar, the staff and all Court users.

The Court of Appeal for Gibraltar was created by the 1969 Constitution. Prior to that, appeals went from the Supreme Court, to the Privy Council. Gibraltar's new Constitution, similarly, provides for the Court of Appeal, at Section 61.

At the reception the Hon Joe Holliday presented Sir Christopher with a suitably engrave crystal decanter. "I thank Sir Christopher for his invaluable contribution to the work of the Judiciary, and wish him and Lady Staughton a long and happy retirement."