

# Government of Gibraltar



6 CONVENT PLACE

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUPREME COURT OF GIBRALTAR

The Judicial Service Commission invites applications for the post of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Gibraltar. Should an internal candidate be appointed as Chief Justice, thereby creating a vacancy as Puisne Judge, applicants are asked to indicate whether they would wish to be considered for appointment as a Puisne Judge. (Applications may also be submitted for the possible vacancy of Puisne Judge only, and should be clearly marked as such.)

The Supreme Court is a superior court of record. Its original jurisdiction in both civil and criminal matters is similar to that exercised by all divisions of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in England and the Crown Courts. In its appellate jurisdiction the Supreme Court deals with all appeals from the Small Claims Court, the Magistrates' Court, and from bodies and persons exercising quasi-judicial powers from special purposes. The successful candidate will be expected to preside over both civil cases and criminal trials in open court and hear applications in Chambers. The Chief Justice additionally exercises disciplinary powers in relation to barristers and solicitors and is an ex-officio Justice of Appeal of Court of Appeal for Gibraltar.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be, or have been:

- (a) a judge of a court having unlimited jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters or a circuit judge, in some part of the Commonwealth or in the Republic of Ireland, or of a court having jurisdiction in appeals from any such court; or
- (b) entitled to practice as an advocate or as a solicitor in such court for not less than 10 years; and
- (c) under 64 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

#### TERMS OF APPOINTMENT AND SALARY

The appointment will be on contract terms for three years in the first instance. The salary of the Chief Justice is at present £114,755 per annum plus tax free gratuity of 25% of basic salary payable on satisfactory completion of contract. (The salary of Puisne Judge is presently £102,460 per annum plus 25% tax free gratuity.)

Further particulars of the post may be obtained from the Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court [tel. (00 350) 20075608; email [secretary@judicialservicecommission.gi](mailto:secretary@judicialservicecommission.gi); fax. (00 350) 20077118].

Applications, enclosing a full CV, should be addressed to the Secretary, Judicial Service Commission, No 6 Convent Place, Gibraltar, or sent to the above email, to reach him no later than Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2009.