

## **Director of Judicial Office for Scotland Appointed**

Steve Humphreys has been appointed Director of Judicial Office for Scotland.

The Judicial Office for Scotland, within the Scottish Court Service, will provide support to the Lord President when established as Head of the Judiciary in Scotland by the [Judiciary and Courts \(Scotland\) Act 2008](#).

From the commencement date, planned for April 2010, the Lord President as Head of the Scottish Judiciary will have responsibility for the efficient disposal of business throughout the courts and for welfare, guidance and training of the judiciary and for ensuring appropriate arrangements are in place for the investigation and determination of complaints about judicial conduct.

Mr Humphreys was formerly Deputy Director of the Judicial Office for England and Wales and took up post on 5 January 2010.

### **Notes for Editors**

The Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 appoints the Lord President as Head of the Scottish Judiciary.

It also creates a new Scottish Court Service. From the agreed date, the current Scottish Court Service - which is an Executive Agency of the Scottish Government accountable to the Scottish Ministers – is replaced by a separate corporate body within the Scottish Administration but not part of the Scottish Government.

The 13 members of the corporate body will form the Board of the new Scottish Court Service and the Board is chaired by the Lord President. More information: [www.scotcourts.gov.uk/judiciarycourtsact.asp](http://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/judiciarycourtsact.asp).



**Steve Humphreys**