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News Release

Supreme Court Chief Executive to retire in autumn

Jenny Rowe CB, the Chief Executive of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, has announced she will retire from that job, and from the civil service, in the autumn.

Jenny led much of the work involved in the creation of the Supreme Court and the transfer of staff and judges from the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords, alongside the move of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council from its former home in Downing Street.

Jenny said: “I am proud to have played a key part in one of the country’s biggest constitutional developments in modern times, and to have attracted a great team to support the Justices in their important work.

“It is an enormously stimulating role and the decision to step down at the end of this legal year was not an easy decision to make, but I cannot think of a better position from which to end full time public service and to move on to the next phase of my life.”

Jenny’s long civil service career includes periods as Principal Private Secretary to two Lord Chancellors and serving as Director of Policy and Administration for the Office of the Attorney General.

She was appointed Chief Executive of the Supreme Court in 2008, and has overseen the establishment of the new organisation and the management of its 50 staff who provide professional support to the 12 Justices.

Jenny was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) in 2013, for services to the administration of justice and to The Royal British Legion, where she served as a trustee for eight years.

The process has begun to select Jenny’s successor. The post of Chief Executive is being advertised on the Civil Service Jobs website, with a closing date of 17 April.

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Notes to editors

Details of the vacancy can be found on the Civil Service Jobs website at:

<https://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/index.cgi?SID=b3duZXI9NTA3MDAwMCZvd25lcnR5cGU9ZmFpciZqb2JsaXN0X3ZpZXdfdmFjPTE0NDgzNzkmcGFnZWVjdGlvb12aWV3dmFjYnlqb2JsaXN0JnVzZXJzZWVYy2hjb250ZXh0PTEzNzM3MDcmcGFnZWVzYXNzPUpvYnMmcmVxc2lnPTE0MjcxMDE2NTUtZjliNTk2YTJlYmE3OTdiYjUwMTE4NjVhYjM0YTExNDJiYTlkOTBiYg==>

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