

Statement of qualifications

This statement is submitted pursuant to UK Note verbale 070/2015. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has the honour to nominate Lord Justice Adrian Fulford for election as a member of the Advisory Committee on nominations of Judges of the International Criminal Court.

Lord Justice Fulford fully meets the requirements established in the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee adopted by the Assembly of States Parties with Resolution ICC-ASP/10/Res. 5. He is of high moral character and has established competence and experience in criminal and international law.

Lord Justice Fulford has established competence in criminal law and procedure and is experienced as both judge and advocate. He has competence in relevant areas of international law, in particular human rights law, and has extensive experience in professional legal ethics. Lord Judge Fulford has legal expertise on a wide range of specific relevant issues, including violence against women and children; serious acts of violence, such as murder and terrorism; and has extensive practical experience of questions relating to evidence in criminal cases and the handling of sensitive information, including the protection of victims and sources. He has edited important legal publications and has been widely published.

Lord Justice Fulford practised criminal law throughout his career at the Bar. Lord Justice Fulford was a judge of the High Court of England and Wales from 22 November 2002 until May 2013. He has been a judge of the Court of Appeal of England and Wales since 10 May 2013.

Lord Justice Fulford served as a judge of the International Criminal Court from 2003 to 2012. He presided over the court's first trial, including the first reparations judgment. He was the Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber I from 2007 to 2012, and President of the Trial Division from 2008 to 2012.

Lord Justice Fulford will soon begin a two year term as Senior Presiding Judge of England and Wales. He is currently the Deputy. Both the Senior and Deputy Posts are concerned with addressing the judicial ability of all judges in the United Kingdom. Lord Justice Fulford will be principally responsible for appointing judges to major leadership posts: the Resident Judge at each Crown Court, the Presiding Judges of each of the circuits and the allocation of every judge in the country to the courts at which they sit. He will also be responsible for deciding which judges are to conduct murder and attempted murder trials. These positions demonstrate the acknowledged ability and experience of Lord Justice Fulford to assess the qualities of candidates for very senior judicial positions. In reinforcing this point, Lord Justice Fulford has been part of the selection procedure on behalf of the Judicial Appointments Commission for criminal judges in England and Wales, including, over a number of years, setting examination questions for interviews and written assessments in this regard.