



## **Lord Chancellor announces re-appointment of Law Commissioner Stuart Bridge**

The Department for Constitutional Affairs announced today that Stuart Bridge, the Law Commissioner leading the Property, Family and Trust Law team, has accepted the Lord Chancellor's invitation to remain for a second term. The term will last for two years until July 2008.

Stuart is currently responsible for the consultation exercise on the law of cohabitation, on which a paper is expected to be published in April 2006. His team is also working on Termination of Tenancies, Trustee Exemption Clauses and Easements.

Lord Falconer, the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs, said:

I am pleased that a lawyer of Stuart's experience and calibre has agreed to stay at the Law Commission for another two years. The additional term will allow him to complete the Commission's important work on the law of Cohabitation and its other land and trust law projects.

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### **Notes for Editors**

1. The Law Commission is a non-political independent body, set up by Parliament in 1965 to keep all the law of England and Wales under review, and to recommend reform where it is needed. Commissioners are appointed by the Lord Chancellor for up to five years, although their appointments may be extended.
2. Mr Stuart Bridge has been the Commissioner with responsibility for Property, Family and Trusts Law since July 2001. Called to the Bar in 1981, he practised on the North-Eastern Circuit prior to taking up his first academic appointment at the University of Leeds. He is a Fellow of Queens' College, Cambridge where he has taught in the law faculty since 1990. He was appointed a Recorder in 2004, and is a member of the Civil Committee of the Judicial Studies Board.
3. For further information about any of the projects above, see: [www.lawcom.gov.uk](http://www.lawcom.gov.uk)
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