



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Appointment of Chair and two Members to the Board for Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission.**

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice Michael Matheson today announced the appointment of Bill Matthews as the new Chair of Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission. He also announced the appointment of two new members, Raymond McMEnamin and Elaine Noad as Members of the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission.

#### **CHAIR**

Bill Matthews is a former senior executive with Motorola who subsequently spent a number of years in the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) sector before becoming a non-executive director. A chartered Engineer and Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing, Bill holds an MBA together with first degrees in Electronics/ Electrical Engineering, Humanities and Psychology. He first served as a non-executive director in Scottish Government, including six years as Audit Chair in the Crown Office and Procurement Fiscal Service. Bill gained further experience of the criminal justice system via a position on the Board of Scottish Police Authority and through his membership of the British Transport Police Authority.

#### **MEMBERS**

Elaine Noad OBE has spent most of her career in Local Government, with her last post as Director of Social Work Housing and Health with South Ayrshire Council. Since that time she has served on several Boards and committees

including the Scottish Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, the Parole Board, and the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland. She currently acts as an independent Public Appointments Advisor for the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland. Elaine brings knowledge and experience of the criminal justice system developed during her career in Local Government and serving on the Boards of public bodies.

Raymond McMenamin was admitted as a Solicitor in 1982. He trained at the Crown Office and subsequently worked as a Procurator Fiscal Depute at Linlithgow and Glasgow. He has over thirty years' experience in private practice and has been a senior partner of KW Law, West Lothian since 1997. He has extensive experience in criminal law, having qualified as a Solicitor Advocate In 2000 with rights of Audience in the High Court of Justiciary. He was appointed as a part time Sheriff in 2007 and as a Shrieval Convener of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland in 2015. He was a member of the Law Society of Scotland's Criminal Law Committee from 2004 to 2016 and President of the part-time Sheriffs' Association from 2013 to 2016.

## **APPOINTMENT**

For the Chair, the appointment will be for 4 years and will run from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020.

For the Members their appointment will be for 4 years and will run from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020.

These appointments are regulated by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

## **REMUNERATION**

The Chair's appointment is part time and attracts a remuneration fee of £425 for attendance at a full day meeting of the Board and a fee of £212.50 for

attendance at a half day meeting, for a time commitment of between 3 and 4 days per month.

The Members appointments are part time and attract a remuneration fee of £252 for attendance at a full day meeting of the Board and a fee of £126 for attendance at a half day meeting, for a time commitment of 3 to 4 days per month.

## **OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

The Chair, Bill Matthews, is a Trustee of the BBC Trust Scotland Board which attracts a remuneration of £37,000 per year, for a time commitment of 1-2 days per week. He is also a deputy Chair and Scottish Member of the Security Industry Authority, attracting a remuneration of £18,000 per year for a time commitment of 1 day per week. He is a Scottish Member of the British Transport Police Authority, attracting a remuneration of £16,500 per year for a time commitment of 2-3 days per month.

Elaine Noad and Raymond McMenamin both hold other ministerial appointments. Elaine is a Member of the Mental Welfare Commission that attracts a remuneration of £220 per day with a time commitment of 1 day per month. Raymond McMenamin is a part time Sheriff, attracting a remuneration of £621 per day for a time commitment of between 5 to 10 days per month.

## **POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity within the last five years (if there is any to be declared) to be made public. Neither the Chair nor the Members have undertaken any political activity.

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