

President of the Transport Tribunal

Job Description

The President is the head of the Transport Tribunal and provides the jurisdictional lead and management for the Tribunal. Overall they will be responsible for the career development of judges and members within their Tribunal as well as maintaining and building high standards of case management and decision making whilst ensuring the Tribunal is run efficiently and effectively within its resources. However the Principle Judge for the Transport jurisdictions in the First-tier and Upper Tribunals will be responsible for all day to day matters regarding judges and members.

Main Duties

- The President is the head of the Transport Tribunal.
- The President is responsible for the smooth running of the Transport Tribunal and the efficient despatch of its business, including the attribution of cases to judges and members.
- Liaising, consulting and working with administrative colleagues, as required, to ensure adequate and appropriate support for the judicial functions and generally assisting in achieving efficient and cost effective delivery of justice to the users.
- Liaising with the Upper and First-tier Tribunal Chamber Presidents on appropriate matters affecting the Tribunal.
- The President will be expected to identify training requirements for the Tribunal, working with individual judges and members to identify specific training needs, ensuring that training is attended and the content meets training needs.
- Ensuring the judicial quality and efficiency of the Tribunal, issuing directions on various aspects of judicial work and monitoring judicial performance to ensure that cases are dealt with as expeditiously as possible.
- Investigating complaints against members of the Tribunal judiciary in compliance with the Judicial Complaints (Tribunals) Rules 2006, and liaising with the Lord Chancellor, the Office for Judicial Complaints, the Senior President and the Judicial Appointments and Conduct Ombudsman, as appropriate, in respect of complaints and any disciplinary issues

The role of President can be based in any Tribunals office, however, you will be expected to attend meetings in London and there may be occasional overnight stays. You may also be required to hear cases in London and other Tribunal sites as required.

Jurisdiction

The tribunal has a specialised jurisdiction. The Transfer of Functions (Transport Tribunal and Appeal Panel) order 2009, article 2 transfers most but not all of the Tribunals functions to the First-tier and Upper Tribunal. The Transport Tribunal is therefore retained and the President will be appointed to the Transport Tribunal. The power to impose a penalty for not keeping to a bus timetable is given to the Transport Tribunal in Scottish legislation and was not separately transferred to the Upper Tribunal. This is

active in any appeal in Scotland where a penalty for poor time keeping is challenged. The provisions in the Transport Act providing for the constitution of the Transport Tribunal therefore remain in force.

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