



School of Law, UCLan Cyprus

JUDICIAL LEADERSHIP AND THE RULE OF LAW

A webinar in memory of the late His Honour Judge Roger Elsey, Resident Judge of the Sovereign Base Areas from March 2019 until his unexpected death in October 2021

Keynote Speaker:

The Hon. Mrs Justice Cheema-Grub DBE, Judge of The Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of England and Wales and Lead Presider on the London and South-East Circuit

Followed by shorter contributions by other guest speakers and a question-and-answer session

**Date Wednesday 29 June 2022 | Time 18:00-20:00 Cyprus time
(i.e. 16:00-18:00 UK time) Venue Online via MS Teams**

The background to the webinar

The late His Honour Judge Roger Elsey (HHJ Elsey) was educated at Newcastle University and, having joined Gray's Inn, was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1977. In the years that followed, he practised as a barrister before embarking upon a career as a member of the Judiciary of England and Wales primarily based in the north-east of England. He became a Deputy District Judge (in the Magistrates' Court) in 1999, a District Judge (in the Magistrates' Court) in 2004 and the Resident Judge as well as HM Coroner of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in the Island of Cyprus in 2019. In that latter role, HHJ Elsey made a significant contribution to the education of students, including those reading Law at the Cyprus Campus of the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan Cyprus).

The members of staff, students and alumni of UCLan Cyprus were deeply saddened to learn of the unexpected death of HHJ Elsey on 20 October 2021. On the following day, after his death had been formally announced by the Sovereign Base Areas Administration, British Forces Cyprus and the Judiciary of England and Wales, Professor Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou circulated a message of condolence on behalf of the Cyprus Campus of the University of Lancashire (UCLan Cyprus) where she has been the Head of the School of Law since 2016. Her message reflected the affection with which HHJ Elsey was held on that Campus which he had visited on a number of occasions in support of legal education.

(See <https://twitter.com/bfcyprus/status/1451114780522164226>, www.judiciary.uk/announcements/death-in-service-judge-roger-william-elsey/, www.derestreet.co.uk/uncategorised/judge-roger-elsey-1954-2021/ and https://twitter.com/sls_shaelou/status/1451280118836572163)

Shortly after the death of HHJ Elsey was announced, Professor Laulhé Shaelou represented UCLan Cyprus at a memorial service held at the Church of St Paul in Episkopi. In his eulogy, Major General Robert Thomson CBE DSO, Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas and Commander of British Forces Cyprus, mentioned the educational support extended by HHJ Elsey to UCLan Cyprus. More broadly, Major General Thomson also saluted HHJ Elsey's dedication to justice, the judiciary and the Rule of Law. (Major General Thomson's recorded tribute to HHJ Elsey on British Forces Broadcasting Service may be heard at <https://ms-my.facebook.com/BFBCyprus/videos/judge-roger-elsey/1306380129814467/>)

Against this background, academics at the School of Law of UCLan Cyprus promptly resolved to honour the memory of HHJ Elsey in an appropriate way. The outcome of this resolution is the webinar detailed below which the School of Law has organised after consulting primarily with his family and the Judiciary of England and Wales, but also with the Sovereign Base Areas, the British High Commission in Nicosia and the Judiciary in the Republic of Cyprus, to whom the School extends its sincere thanks.

The primary purpose of the webinar

The primary purpose of the webinar is to honour the memory of HHJ Elsey by focusing on how Judicial Leadership inter-relates with the Rule of Law, pastoral support and legal education. As such, the webinar has been designed to contribute to the self-directed continuing professional development of judges, lawyers and legal academics, as well as the education of students.

Subject to prior registration, admission to the webinar is free and open to the public. The webinar is primarily though not exclusively aimed at judges, lawyers, legal academics, law students and, of course, the family members, friends and former colleagues of HHJ Elsey. All are welcome to register in accordance with procedure explained below under the heading 'REGISTRATION'.

WEBINAR DETAILS

Date Wednesday 29 June 2022 | **Time** 18:00-20:00 Cyprus time (i.e. 16:00-18:00 UK time) | **Venue** Online via Microsoft Teams (Details will follow after registration)

LANGUAGE English

ORGANISER School of Law, UCLan Cyprus, 12-14 University Avenue, Pyla, Larnaka District 7080 (www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/)

PROGRAMME

18:05-18:10 Cyprus time (i.e. 16:05-16:10 UK time)

Introduction and Welcome, Professor Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou, Head of the School of Law and Professor of European Law and Reform, UCLan Cyprus (www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/academic/dr-laulhe-shaelou-stephanie/)

18:10-18:30 Cyprus time (i.e. 16:10-16:30 UK time)

'Judicial Leadership and the Rule of Law', The Hon. Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb DBE, Judge of The Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of England and Wales and Lead Presider on the London and South-East Circuit

18:30-18:40 Cyprus time (i.e. 16:30-16:40 UK time)

'The operation of the Rule of Law within the Sovereign Base Areas and our shared values with the Republic of Cyprus', The Hon. Mr Justice Mark Bishop, Presiding Senior Judge, Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia

18:40-18:45 Cyprus time (i.e. 16:40-16:45 UK time)

'HHJ Roger Eelsey's commitment to pastoral support', The Hon. Judge Michelle Brewer, Judge of the First-tier Tribunal, Immigration and Asylum Chamber, Her Majesty's Courts & Tribunals Service (www.judiciary.uk/announcements/appointment-as-a-judge-of-the-first-tier-tribunal-immigration-and-asylum-chamber-michelle-brewer/)

18:45-18:50 Cyprus time (i.e. 16:45-16:50 UK time)

'HHJ Roger Eelsey's commitment to judicial dialogue with peers in the Republic of Cyprus', The Hon. Judge Elias Georgiou P.D.C., President, Assize Court, Limassol

18:50-18:55 Cyprus time (i.e. 16:50-16:55 UK time)

'HHJ Roger Eelsey's contribution to legal education: A paradigm of lasting value', Dr. Klearchos A. Kyriakides, Senior Visiting Fellow, School of Law, UCLan Cyprus (and non-practising Solicitor) (www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/academic/dr-klearchos-kyriakides/)

18:55-19:55 Cyprus time (i.e. 16:55-17:55 UK time)

Question-and-Answer session

19:55-20:00 Cyprus time (i.e. 17:55-18:00 UK time)

Closing remarks by the Chair

REGISTRATION

Admission is free, but registration is essential. To register to attend the Webinar, please click [here](#)

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Participants who wish to attend are kindly requested to book their places promptly and, in any event, not later than 24 hours before the scheduled start time.

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<https://www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/data-protection-policy/>. Consent from participants will be sought. Recordings and any related materials will be published on the University's website <https://www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/category/law-academy/> and/or the Rule of Law Monitoring Mechanism platform of the School of Law, UCLan Cyprus, which is hosted at <https://ruleoflawmonitoringmechanism.eu/>. In the webinar, each speaker and other participant will take part for educational purposes in an educational setting. Accordingly, what each participant will provide verbally, electronically or otherwise must not be accepted or interpreted as either legal advice or any other form of advice.