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Appointment of Director of Public Prosecutions

Following the departure of the previous Director of Public Prosecutions and the temporary appointment of Mrs. Candia James-Malcolm as the Acting Director of Public Prosecutions, the Judicial and Legal Services Commission undertook a formal recruitment exercise for the permanent post of DPP.

Further to this recruitment exercise by the Judicial and Legal Services Commission, His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, OBE has appointed Mr. Simon Davis as the Director of Public Prosecutions effective 1 March 2022. Mr. Davis comes with significant prosecutorial, leadership, and management experience which will be an asset to the ODPP.

“I am delighted to appoint Mr Davis to this role and look forward to welcoming him to our Islands. I would like to thank Mrs. James-Malcolm for her excellent stewardship during the transition,” His Excellency said. “Led by Mr. Davis and supported by Mrs. James-Malcolm, the senior leadership team and all the staff in the ODPP, I am confident that the ODPP will be strengthened. The ODPP continues to have an essential role underpinning the rule of law in our jurisdiction, a fundamental element of our democratic system” he continued.

Mr. Davis comes to Cayman from St Philips Chambers, Birmingham, UK and his appointment is for a period of three years.

Notes for Editors:

Simon Davis was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1990. He has over 30 years proven track record of prosecuting cases involving terrorism, serious organised crime, modern slavery, exploitation of children, drug and gun supply, homicide, fraud and proceeds of crime. He has particular experience in prosecuting cases involving organised crime groups.

He has prosecuted cases on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service: the Insolvency Service; Serious Fraud Office and Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC).

He has argued a case before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague. He is also on lists of counsel before the International Criminal Court and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

He leads teams of lawyers, police officers, financial investigators, analysts and other professionals in UK and multi-jurisdictional investigations.

Many of his cases involve IT, cybersecurity and multi-jurisdictional challenges.

Mr. Davis read Classics at Cambridge University after gaining an Open Exhibition to Trinity College, Cambridge – thereafter converting to Law on a postgraduate basis.

He is married to Ailsa and has three children.