

# Edinburgh Academy old boy is new judge

Her Majesty the Queen, on the recommendation of the First Minister, has appointed Mr Angus Stewart QC, as a Senator of the College of Justice.

First Minister Alex Salmond nominated Mr Stewart for appointment on the basis of a report by the independent Judicial Appointments Board.

Mr Stewart will take up his appointment on November 5, 2010.

Mr Stewart was born in Campbeltown. He was a pupil at Dalintober Primary School, Campbeltown, and at The Edinburgh Academy. He is a graduate of Balliol College, Oxford, and the University of Edinburgh. He was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1975 and took silk in 1988. He was Standing Junior Counsel to the Department of Environment between 1983 and 1988. Between 1994 and 2002 he was the Keeper of the Advocates Library. He was the Chairman of the Scottish Council of Law Reporting from 1997 to 2001 and the Convenor, Faculty of Advocates Human Rights Committee from 1998 to 2004. He was Senior Advocate Depute between 2005 and 2007. Mr Stewart was Leading Counsel to the Billy Wright Inquiry, Northern Ireland, from 2008 to 2010. He has published on Administrative Law, Health and Safety, Human Rights and Medical Negligence. The salary of a Senator is £172,753 per annum.

The Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland was established by Ministers in 2002; and it became an independent advisory non-departmental public body on June 1, 2009. The Board has statutory responsibilities under the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008. The Board's role is to recommend for appointment to the office of judge, sheriff principal, sheriff and part-time sheriff. The First Minister retains the

statutory responsibility for making nominations to Her Majesty the Queen. The First Minister is required by statute to consult the Lord President of the Court of Session before making his nomination to Her Majesty.