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## Legal Services Board announces new Board Members

The Ministry of Justice and the Legal Services Board (LSB) today announced the appointment of **Marina Gibbs** (lay member) and **David Eveleigh** (non-lay member) as new non-executive Board Members for three year terms with effect from 1 April 2014. The vacancies arise with the terms of Barbara Saunders OBE and Andrew Whittaker ending on 31 March 2013 and Stephen Green stepping down from the Board.

The appointments were made by the **Lord Chancellor** in consultation with the **Lord Chief Justice**, in accordance with the Legal Services Act 2007.

Chairman of the Legal Services Board, **David Edmonds** said:

*“As part of our ongoing renewal of the Board, I am delighted to welcome Marina and David to the Board. They bring high level skills and significant experience to the Board’s work, and will be in a position to contribute immediately to our forward-looking agenda of regulatory reform and modernising legal services delivery.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank Barbara Saunders OBE and Andrew Whittaker for their huge contributions to the Board’s work since their appointment at the inception of the LSB. They will be missed.*

*I would also like to thank Stephen Green who stepped down having resigned his membership of the Board to take over as Chair of the Office for Legal Complaints and wish him the very best of luck in this role.”*

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## Notes for editors:

1. **Marina Gibbs** has been Director of Competition Policy at Ofcom since September 2007 where her focus is on competition in the fixed telecommunications market.

Prior to joining Ofcom, Marina worked as a strategy consultant for many years, latterly as Telecoms Partner at Spectrum Value Partners where she advised clients internationally in relation to corporate and commercial strategy development and regulatory and public policy matters.

Marina also provided commercial due diligence support to financial and trade investors in the telecoms and media sectors. Marina has an MBA from Bradford University School of Management and a Masters and BA Hons in Applied Modern Languages from the University of Grenoble, France.

2. **David Eveleigh** is the General Counsel of BT Plc's Global Services division, which delivers complex networked IT solutions to global customers in more than 170 countries and has around 20000 staff worldwide.

He leads a large international legal, regulatory and compliance team which cover BT's operations in UK, mainland Europe, Africa, Middle East, Latin America, USA and Asia. David is a member of the BT legal and BT Global Services executive teams.

David started his career as an associate at Ashurst, and graduated from Southampton University. He is currently based in the UK and has also lived and worked in the US. David and his team have won various awards, including the in House team of the year and In house lawyer of the year, and have been pivotal in changing the function of the in house legal team within BT.

He also serves as director of the European Competitive Telecommunications Association which promotes and fosters a balanced regulatory environment for the European Communications sector.

3. These appointments are from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2016. They carry a remuneration of £15,000 each, per annum for at least 30 days work.
4. The Ministry of Justice's announcement can be found [here](#).
5. This appointment was made in accordance with the [Code of Practice](#) of the Commissioner for Public Appointments.
6. The roles were advertised publicly in the national press and the executive search firm [GatenbySanderson](#) were engaged by the Ministry of Justice to assist in a search exercise to complement the advertising.
7. The Legal Services Act 2007 created the LSB as a new regulator with responsibility for overseeing the regulation of legal services in England and Wales. The new regulatory regime became active on 1 January 2010.

The LSB oversees eight approved regulators, which in turn regulate individual lawyers. The approved regulators, designated under [Part 1](#) of Schedule 4 of the 2007 Act, are the **Law Society**, the **Bar Council**, the **Master of the Faculties**, the **Chartered Institute of Legal Executives**, the **Council for Licensed Conveyancers**, the **Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys**, the **Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys** and the **Association of Costs Lawyers**.

In addition, the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland** and the **Association of Chartered Certified Accountants** are listed as approved regulators in relation only to reserved probate activities.

8. Details of the other members of the Legal Services Board and their biographies can be found on the LSB's website [here](#).