

Appointment of a Deputy High Bailiff

In one of his last official engagements as the Island's Lieutenant Governor, Sir Richard Gozney recently appointed Mr James Morgan Brooks as the Island's second Deputy High Bailiff in a ceremony at Government House.

Prior to his appointment to the Island's permanent judiciary, Mr Brooks was the legal advisor to the Magistrates. Before moving to the Isle of Man to take up that role in early 2019, Mr Brooks was the Head of the Courts and Tribunals Service in the Falkland Islands, a position he assumed after over a decade as a legal advisor to Magistrates primarily in the north of England.

In welcoming Mr Brooks to his new role, the First Deemster Andrew Corlett noted the importance of the appointment. The First Deemster stated: 'This is a significant day for the Isle of Man as it represents the first time in nearly 20 years that the size of the Isle of Man's permanent judiciary has been expanded, an expansion which reflects the significant increase in both the volume and complexity of legal proceedings during that time'.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Brooks stated: 'I am delighted to have been appointed as a Deputy High Bailiff and very much look forward to continuing my work in the Summary Courts at this important time'.



First Deemster Andrew Corlett, Deputy High Bailiff James Morgan Brooks, and Lieutenant Governor Sir Richard Gozney