

### **PCC seeks new public Commissioner**

The Press Complaints Commission is recruiting a new public member to sit on its 17-strong board. Adverts are appearing across the UK press for an individual who can demonstrate a record of achievement in their own walk of life as well as an interest in, and appreciation of, the dynamics of a free press. Commissioners adjudicate on complaints under the press Code of Practice, and help develop the Commission's policy in a number of areas, including privacy and new media issues. They are non-executive directors of the PCC.

The appointment is for a period of three years, and is made by an independent Appointments Commission following an interview.

Public members are people from outside the newspaper and magazine industry who have not been employed in the newspaper and magazine publishing industry – at management or editorial level – for the last ten years. There are ten public members - including the Chairman - and seven editorial members.

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For more information about current Commissioners, [click here](#)

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#### **Notes**

1. The Appointments Commission comprises 5 individuals, including the Chairman of the PCC, the Chairman of PressBof and three others. These arrangements ensure that the independent majority of the PCC is then appointed by an independent body unconnected with the press. The current members of the Appointments Commission are:

Baroness Buscombe (Chairman)  
Tim Bowdler CBE, Chairman of PressBof  
Andrew Philips OBE, Lord Philips of Sudbury, Solicitor  
The Lord Evans of Temple Guiting CBE  
Dr Elizabeth Vallance (Lady Vallance of Tummel)

2. For further information please contact a member of the PCC's staff on 020 7831 0022.

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