

# Judicial Communications Office

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## DEATH OF JOHN LECKEY

The Lord Chief Justice's Office issued the following statement on hearing of the death of John Leckey, former Senior Coroner for Northern Ireland:

"The Lord Chief Justice is deeply saddened to hear of the death of John Land Leckey.

John was appointed as a Coroner on 1 January 1992 having served as a deputy Coroner from 1988. He then went on to hold the office of Senior Coroner until he retired on 31 October 2015. By that date he had served for over 30 years.

John presided over a significant number of complex and contentious inquests during his time in office including the inquest into the Omagh bombing. His courteous manner was respected by families and those who appeared before him. John's book on Coroner's Law and Practice in Northern Ireland was a much respected and valuable source for coroners and practitioners alike.

He will be missed by his colleagues in the Judiciary and those who worked closely with him over the years in the Coroners Service. I would like to extend our sympathy to his wife Janet and his sons Peter and Simon."

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