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PRESS NOTICE

## TRIBUTE TO SIR JOHN MACDERMOTT

Dame Siobhan Keegan, Lady Chief Justice, has paid tribute to Sir John MacDermott who passed away on 13 December 2022:

“It is with sadness that we note the passing of Sir John MacDermott on 13 December 2022 at the age of 95. Sir John, whose father Lord MacDermott was a former Lord Chief Justice and member of the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords, was called to the Bar in 1949 and appointed as a judge in 1973. He was elevated to the Court of Appeal in 1987. Sir John retired from the bench in 1998 but remained in contact with former colleagues until his death. I would like to express my condolences, and that of the judiciary, to Sir John’s family circle”.

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