

## **Consultees**

We conducted ‘on the record’ interviews with the following constitutional and judicial experts during July, August and September 2003:

**Robin Allen QC** – practising barrister, recorder and Head of Chambers, Cloisters. Chairman of the Bar Conference in 2002 and of Bar in the Community from 2000 to 2002. Proposed a motion supporting the creation of a Supreme Court to a meeting of the Bar Council in June 2002.

**Nicholas Barber** – barrister and Senior Law Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford. Lecturer in constitutional law and theory at Oxford University.

**Hon. Michael Beloff QC** – practising barrister and President of Trinity College, Oxford. Formerly Head of Chambers, 4-5 Gray’s Inn Square. Has held part-time judicial office as a recorder, deputy High Court judge and judge of the Court of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey.

**Ross Cranston QC MP** – practising barrister, recorder and Labour MP for Dudley North. Solicitor General 1997-2001; previously Professor of

Commercial Law at the London School of Economics. Member of the Constitutional Affairs Select Committee (formerly the Select Committee on the Lord Chancellor's Department) since 2003.

**Dr Christopher Forsyth** – barrister and Fellow of Robinson College, Cambridge. Reader in Public Law and Director of the Centre for Public Law, University of Cambridge. Author of numerous learned publications, including the authoritative textbook, *Administrative Law* (with Prof. Sir William Wade).

**Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Laws** – Court of Appeal judge, formerly of the High Court. Author of several influential articles on constitutional law in learned journals.

**Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC** – practising barrister and Liberal Democrat peer. Leading proponent of reform of the Lord Chancellor and House of Lord Appellate Committee for many years. Former recorder and deputy High Court judge. Author of numerous learned articles on constitutional law and human rights. President of the Liberal Democrats Lawyers' Association and active legislator in the House of Lords.

**Prof. Ian Loveland** – practising barrister and Professor in Law at City University. Author of the leading textbook *Constitutional Law: A Critical Introduction* and other publications in public and comparative law.

**Rt. Hon. Sir Nicholas Lyell QC** – practising barrister and Conservative MP from 1979 to 2001. Former Attorney General (1992-1997), Solicitor General (1987-1992), and recorder. Chairman of the Society for Conservative Lawyers.

**Dr Kate Malleson** – Senior Lecturer in Law at the London School of Economics and leading authority in judicial studies. Member of the Joint Working Party on Equal Opportunities in Judicial Appointments, set up by the Lord Chancellor’s Department. Her books include *The English Legal System* and *The New Judiciary*.

**Robert Marshall-Andrews QC MP** – practising barrister and Labour MP for Medway. Sits as a recorder and deputy High Court judge. Author of the novel *A Man Without Guilt*.

**Roger Smith** – Director of JUSTICE. Previously head of training and education at the Law Society, and Director of the Legal Action Group. *Note:* his observations to us were made in a personal capacity and do not necessarily represent the views of JUSTICE.

**Paul Stinchcombe MP** – barrister, specialising in public and planning law, and Labour MP for Wellingborough. Member of the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform since 2003.

**Kay Taylor** – barrister and Parliamentary Legal Officer to Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC. Former Judicial Assistant to the Law Lords (assigned to Lord Steyn).

**Andrew Tyrie MP** – Conservative MP for Chichester. Former Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford. Vice-Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Constitutional Reform. Long time supporter of democratic reform of the House of Lords and author of numerous pamphlets on constitutional reform.

In addition, ‘off the record’ interviews were held with a number of anonymous individuals in both private and public sectors.