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## **JERSEY GAMBLING COMMISSION**

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

Today marks the first day in office for Advocate Cyril Whelan as Chairman of the Commission after being unanimously approved by the States of Jersey on the recommendation of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture.

Commenting on his predecessor as Chairman, Graham White, OBE, Advocate Whelan said 'Graham will be a hard act to follow as Chairman given his wealth of experience, but I'm confident that we are following a similar course that he has steered since his appointment as shadow chairman in January 2007. Graham has served the Commission and the Island ably and well and I wish him all the best for the future.'

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#### **Notes**

The Appointments Commission gave consent for the open recruitment to three posts, that of shadow chairman and two shadow commissioners in May 2006. Graham White, OBE was appointed and on the coming into force of the Gambling Commission (Jersey) Law 2010 became substantive Chairman in 2011.

Advocate Whelan was first appointed to the Commission as Deputy Chairman, on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015. His term as Commissioner will expire on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

Called to the English bar in 1979 and to the Jersey bar in 1982, Advocate Whelan spent 28 years as senior legal adviser in the Law Officers' Department in Jersey. He was appointed to the office of Crown Advocate immediately upon the creation of that office in 1987 and remains the Island's longest serving Crown Advocate. He has served from time to time as Jersey's acting Attorney General.

As head of the Section within the Law Officers' Department responsible for Serious Crime and International Mutual Legal Assistance, Advocate Whelan has advised on all aspects of public law, including serious crimes such as complex fraud and money laundering. He has also acted on behalf of successive Attorneys General in the implementation of major regulatory and mutual assistance legislation in Jersey and has been involved in high profile investigative and litigation work relating to asset recovery on behalf of governments worldwide.

Advocate Whelan retired from the Law Officers' Department in 2007 and is currently a Senior Consultant at the local law firm Baker and Partners. Among other positions of public service, he acts as one of Jersey's relief Coroners.

Advocate Whelan is also a Commissioner of the Jersey Financial Services Commission.