



BAR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE – FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2021

Reshuffle - Lord Chancellor

BBC News, The Guardian, [The Independent](#), [Politics Home](#), [Legal Futures](#), [New Law Journal](#), [Law Society Gazette](#), Irish Legal News, Scottish Legal News, Business Fast – The BBC, Independent and other media outlets report on the Bar Council's reaction to the news that Dominic Raab MP has been made the new Lord Chancellor, replacing Robert Buckland MP QC.

The media quote **Derek Sweeting QC, Chair of the Bar**. He said: "Rt Hon Robert Buckland MP QC has been Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice at a time when the justice system has faced unprecedented challenges. The Bar Council has worked closely with him and the Ministry of Justice during his time in office. We are grateful for his willingness, as a former practising barrister, to work collaboratively and listen to the legal professions. We wish him well and look forward to working with his successor Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, also a qualified lawyer. As we welcome the eighth Justice Secretary in the last 10 years to play this vital role the need for a consistent and strong voice in government for our justice system could not be greater."

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Q: How many Lord Chancellors does it take to fix the justice system?

A: Hopefully no more than eight.

Bar Council reaction to the appointment of the eighth Justice Secretary since 2010:

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The Bar Council - which represents barristers - has also drawn attention to the fact Dominic Raab will become the eighth justice secretary in just 10 years.

In a statement, they praised the outgoing minister, Robert Buckland, saying they were "grateful for his willingness, as a former practising barrister, to work collaboratively and listen to the legal professions".

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