



Gibraltar Courts Service

HM Government of Gibraltar

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Opening of the Legal Year 2020

The Chief Justice has directed that I inform you that he intends to host the ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year on Friday 2 October 2020.

The Opening will be held in strict compliance with all civil contingencies coronavirus regulations, and in particular the Civil Contingencies Emergency (Coronavirus) (Restrictions On Gatherings No.5) Regulations 2020, which limits public gatherings to a maximum of 20 people. If further regulations reduce the maximum size of gatherings, the matter will be reviewed.

In these circumstances, the ceremony will be restricted to the traditional addresses by HM Attorney General, the chair of the Law Council and the Chief Justice. They will all robe but wigs will be dispensed with. The total number of persons present in the courtroom will not exceed 20, social distancing will be observed at all times, masks worn and air-conditioning will not be used. There will be no procession, guard of honour or reception following the ceremony.

The Chief Justice regrets that this year he is unable to extend invitations to members of the legal profession and other guests who in various ways support the administration of justice.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H Cumbo', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

H Cumbo (Ms)
Chief Executive