

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**ROBIN MACLEAN WEBSTER**  
**MBE RD BA(Cantab) FCI Arb**

**Chief Justice of Tonga, 2004 - 2006**

**Course Director, Commonwealth Secretariat Caribbean Course for Legislative Drafters, Guyana, 2007 & 2008**

b. 22.4.1940; m., Janice Helen Reid; 2 daughters.

Education: Fettes College, Edinburgh;  
Christ's College, Cambridge University (BA (Nat Sciences) 2:1).

Solicitor (Scotland), 1966; Notary Public, 1970;  
Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 1992.

Honours Member, Order of the British Empire (MBE), 1992,  
for services to the judiciary in Tonga;  
Royal Naval Reserve Decoration (RD).

Partner, Haddow & McLay, Solicitors, Glasgow, 1968-70;

Deputy Secretary, Law Society of Scotland. 1970-76;  
Secretary, Scottish Lawyers' European Group, 1971-77;

Office of the Solicitor to Secretary of State for Scotland, 1976-88  
drafting statutory instruments, Civil Service SI Drafting Course;  
seconded as Legal Draftsman, Seychelles Government 1980-82  
i/c full-time legislative drafting of all types of legislation;  
Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman, Lord Advocate's Department, 1982-83  
full-time drafting of Scottish statutes at Westminster &  
legal advice work for Lord Advocate (then Lord Mackay of Clashfern);  
Senior Parliamentary Counsel, Kenya Government, 1985-86  
full-time legislative drafting for Kenya Parliament;

Attorney-General, Tuvalu, South Pacific, 1986-88  
including drafting legislation & drafting Tuvalu Trust Fund Treaty;

Judge of the Supreme Court of Tonga, South Pacific, 1988-91  
including constitutional cases.

Temporary Sheriff, Scotland, 1991-96;  
Part-time Industrial Tribunal Chairman, 1991-94;  
Legal Consultant, Overseas Development Administration, 1992-95.

Full-time Employment Tribunal Chairman, Edinburgh, 1994-2003;  
Part-time Employment Tribunal Chairman, Edinburgh 2003-4;

Chief Justice of Tonga, 2004 - 2006  
including several constitutional cases (eg Taione v Kingdom of Tonga [2004]  
TOSC 4, [2005] 4LRC 661) & advice on drafting in Law Committee.

Course Director, Commonwealth Secretariat Caribbean Course for Legislative  
Drafters, Guyana, 2007 & 2008  
setting up, running, teaching & tutoring a 12-week course for young lawyers

Languages: English; French, workable (but not fluent) (we have a house in  
France); some knowledge of Swahili & Polynesian.

Publication Professional Ethics & Practice for Scottish Solicitors (1976,-84,-96)

Other activities:

Royal Naval Reserve, 1962-90; Lt Commander (Rtd); Ship Command Cert 1973;  
Chairman, Queensferry and District Unit Sea Cadet Corps, 1994-2000.

Hon. Secretary, Royal Scottish Pipers' Society, 1973-76.

Recreations: bagpipe playing and piobaireachd; Scottish dancing; reading; walking;  
France.

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