

ADVERTISEMENT: CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

Location: London

Substantial remuneration

The Press Complaints Commission (PCC) is an independent organisation set up in 1991 to ensure that British newspapers and magazines follow an ethical Code of Practice regarding accuracy, privacy, misrepresentation, harassment etc. It is a central part of the newspaper and magazine publishing industry's system of self regulation. The PCC, which has a significant track record of success particularly in the swift and effective response to thousands of complaints each year, is set to undergo a period of intense Parliamentary and judicial scrutiny in the wake of the recent controversy about phone hacking.

The incoming Chairman will need to lead a period of regeneration and renewal for the Commission.

The role:

- A high profile role at a time of great scrutiny for the Commission, for the operation of the Code of Practice and for self regulation.
- Central to the success of the Chairman will be an ability to think strategically about how the Commission should develop to take account of public, Parliamentary and judicial concern about the efficacy of self regulation, and to carry the industry with him or her during a period of change.
- The Chairman is responsible for the working of the Commission, including the performance of its Director and full time staff.

The candidate:

- Committed to the principles of press freedom and to self regulation.
- No current or recent links with the newspaper or magazine publishing business.
- An exceptionally effective public performer, able to speak on behalf of the Commission across the media and to command attention on a wide stage.
- A highly respected figure who is demonstrably independent of the newspaper industry and can work effectively with politicians and lawyers.

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