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Deputy M. P. Leadbeater (*absent*); J Niles (Vale) & S. Fell (St Pierre du Bois) (*absent*)

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[THE BAILIFF *in the Chair*]

PRAYER

The States' Greffier

EVOCATION

CONVOCATION

The States' Greffier: Billet d'État I of 2023. To the Members of the States of Election of the Island
5 of Guernsey, I hereby give notice that a Meeting of the States of Election will be held at the Royal
Court House on Wednesday, 25th January 2023 at 9.30 a.m. for the purpose of electing a Jurat in
place of David James Mortimer who will cease to be a Jurat on 20th December 2022, pursuant to
Section 10 of the Royal Court of Reform (Guernsey) Law 2008, as amended.

Election of a Jurat – Jillian Clark elected

The Bailiff: Well, Good Morning, Members of the States of Election.
10 Deputy Brouard, I know the traffic is bad. Would you wish to be relevéed so that you can
participate?

Deputy Brouard: Please sir, there were some protesters ... *(Laughter)*

15 **The Bailiff:** I am not sure that the protesters have anything to do with the States of Election.
Thank goodness we have no candidate with the initials GST! *(Laughter)*

Well, Members of the States of Election, I have received two nominations for the vacant office of
Jurat. The first is that of Jillian Clark, who is proposed by Deputy Heidi Soulsby and seconded by
Deputy Peter Ferbrache. And the second is that of Richard Jeremy Wallen James, who is proposed
20 by Deputy Lyndon Trott and seconded by Deputy Steve Falla.

And without further ado, I will invite the proposer of Mrs Clark, Deputy Soulsby, to address the
Assembly, please.

Deputy Soulsby: Thank you, sir.
25 This may well be the only time Deputy Ferbrache and I are in agreement this week, *(Laughter)*
but I know we are both delighted to be able to propose Jill for one of the most important roles in
Guernsey, that of Jurat. Deputy Ferbrache will talk about her professional achievements which
demonstrate her skills and expertise built up over many years. I will speak to her work for and in the
community.

30 Now, of course, every time we elect a Jurat, we are also told about what the candidate has achieved professionally and in the community. But in Jill's case, her accomplishments are all the more remarkable due to a life changing event that has given her a breadth and depth of understanding that will be invaluable, should she be elected.

35 In 1997, Jill was involved in an accident at sea when the boat in which she was a passenger was hit by a speedboat going to Herm. Some of you might remember that it did make the headlines at the time. The anchor of that vessel struck Jill in the face at speed, pulping all of the bones from her upper jaw to the rear of her skull and injuring her brain. She was indeed very fortunate to survive. However, that was the beginning of a long road to recovery. Airlifted to Southampton Hospital in a coma, Jill then had 10 years – *10 years!* – of reconstructive facial surgery ahead of her, which
40 included having her face removed from her skull three times.

Unbelievably, her skull is now formed from her hip and over 300 pieces of titanium. And I can honestly say, you would not know it. Life-changing, character-forming. Some may struggle to cope with such a horrendous change in their life, but for Jill, it made her stronger. It also gave her valuable first-hand experience of the litigation process as she was a plaintive and witness in one of the
45 longest personal injury trials in Guernsey. That demonstrated resilience and having to live through those horrid events over and over again.

But she embraced what happened to her and decided to put her negative experiences to good use. When she met the late James Partridge, they set up Changing Faces Channel Islands, a local charity helping to support other people with disfigurements. As Chairman of Changing Faces
50 Channel Islands, working with her co-trustees, Jill liaised with the UK charity to set up support networks for local people as well as fundraising to allow those with a disfigurement to receive free medical care and skin camouflage services if they required them. Not only that, Jill and her husband, Russell, ran the 2013 London Marathon for Changing Faces, raising over £10,000.

James Partridge then set up a new charity called Face Equality International which is a global
55 umbrella charity representing 50 disfigurement charities around the world, and Jill serves as a Chair of that charity as well. She really is an ambassador for Guernsey and regularly speaks to the media at home and abroad on her experiences of facial disfigurement, including a programme on German TV. Indeed, I remember cycling to States' Meeting one morning and hearing her on the Radio 4 programme, *Life Changing*, where Jill talked to Jane Garvey about her accident and the campaign
60 for face equality where people are treated equally, no matter what they look like. It is a powerful listen and I would recommend everyone here to look for it and listen to it yourselves. It really is an inspirational story, with Jill speaking eloquently and engagingly.

But Jill's community participation is not limited to helping people whose appearance is changed or unconventional. There are many strings to her bow. Other work includes being on the judging
65 panel for the Community Foundation Awards which must be a difficult task, given the amazing work of volunteers and charities here. It cannot be easy being able to make a decision between those who are put forward at all.

Now, I am sure many of you will know about the exciting development work being undertaken by GROW, Guernsey's Rural Occupational Workshop. Its aim is to help adults with learning
70 disabilities and difficulties develop self-confidence and life skills, so enabling them to be included and valued within a workplace and the wider community by providing employment, training, mentoring in a safe and stimulating environment. They have managed to raise the £3 million needed to develop first-class facilities at the site which will be quite a change from the buildings that they were previously working in. As such, the crew need to be prepared and Jill is one of those helping
75 grow to develop training from their crew in readiness for the move to their brand new facility.

This is a big year for sport in Guernsey as we host the Island Games. Jill is doing her bit as part of the organising team and is helping to train 1,700 volunteers, which I am sure there are a number of us here, who are helping to make the Games run smoothly in July.

Both Jill and her husband have done their bit for the Parish of St Martin. Russell has been a
80 Douzenier for many years and Jill was on the St Martins In Bloom committee for their 2016 entry into the national competition.

85 However, possibly of greater relevance for the position she is now looking to be elected to, Jill is also a busy member of the Child Youth Community Tribunal. Jill has five year's experience of sitting on hearings, focusing on ensuring the right actions are taken for the care and protection of vulnerable children. She has seen a broad range of families, often at their most vulnerable and in crisis. But judgement is trusted on what action is required to be taken in the best interests of the child or children concerned. The decision to take a child into care is not a decision taken lightly, but is sometimes essential. Her ability to make an unbiased and compassionate decision, informed by the evidence, will clearly be of assistance to the Royal Court.

90 As you will have heard, Jill has done a lot for the community and the experience she has gained, as well as the strength of character, will hold her in good stead in what can be a demanding role. I therefore ask Members of the States of Election to vote for Jill Clark as Jurat.

95 **The Bailiff:** I turn next to the seconder of Mrs Clark, Deputy Ferbrache, to address the Assembly, please.

100 **Deputy Ferbrache:** Sir, I am delighted to second the nomination of Jill Clark. I follow with a little reservation in relation to the excellent speech addressed just now by Deputy Soulsby. I will not be saying that too much in the coming week. But in relation to where we are, we need to elect good people to what is such a vital role in our community and we have two very able candidates today who are being put forward for that role.

105 The role of Jurat is not an award at the end of your life because you have been one of our noble citizens. It is something that needs to be discharged by people of real ability. A Jurat in my opinion – and I have been speaking in courts now, appearing in courts now for over half a century, nearly 42 years of them in this jurisdiction – has to be resolute and have fortitude. Deputy Soulsby has spoken much about Jill Clark in that context and the tragedy that she suffered over a quarter of a century ago. They have got to have integrity. They have got to have intelligence. They have got to have common sense and they have got to be able to make judgements. And also, and I commend this to my States' Members, they have got to be able to make decisions.

110 Now in relation to all of that, the position that we are in is that, when I began at the Guernsey Bar in March 1981, I thought I was the 20th advocate called to the Guernsey Bar. My good friend and former legal partner, Garth Bainbridge said I was 21st or 22nd. But anyway, there are about 250 now, so the Bar has grown considerably over that period of time. And it is divided into two types, really. You have got the corporate lawyers who photocopy lots of documents and change precedents from A to B and charge a fortune. And you have got the self-effacing humble courtroom litigators like me. And in relation to that, I think I know what a good Jurat should do. And the role is just as important in 2023 as it was in 1981.

120 I have also seen, in my experience as an advocate, the election of the first female Jurat. So less than 40 years ago, or about 40 years ago, we had our first female Jurat out of the hundreds of years that role has been undertaken. And that is a homely role and it is a serious role. The homely bit is that they see people when they come and buy and sell their houses which is such an important and Guernsey tradition. They have to deal with the guardianship when mum or dad may be in a situation at a stage of their life where they need assistance and they need somebody to look after their affairs.

125 But they also do the most difficult thing that anybody can ever do. They judge in the Royal Court dealing with serious criminal offences. They deal with people who are going to have their lives changed by the decisions that they make. And if they convict those people, and they only do so – and I know in every case and I have known many Jurats over the 40 years or so – with reluctance but they do so because they discharge their duty. They then have to sentence them. And they then also have to deal with civil cases of real seriousness and real detail. And they deal with them, in my experience, even on the odd occasions when they have got it wrong and voted against the case I have put forward. They have done it extremely well and they have done it with absolute integrity.

Now the qualities that I have listed, and there are more, Jill Clark has by the bucket load. She has them in abundance. She has them by a multiple of many. Now as Deputy Soulsby said, I will speak more about her professional life and her qualifications etc.

135 It is often said, give me the person up to the age of seven and I will give you the adult thereafter. Jill Clark is steeped in family tradition of serving the community. Her mother was a JP, a Justice for the Peace in England, for about 35 years from the age of 28. She had an uncle who was Director General of the Prison Service and a former Chair of Barnardo's. So she grew up with that ethos. And she went to Hull University and studied something that is far too intelligent for me, Micro genetics and Biology and she got an Upper Second Class degree and there she met her husband, Russell.

140 Now Russell is one of those corporate lawyers that I have just spoken so warmly about. And in relation to that, he enticed her back to Guernsey and I am glad he had the powers of persuasion which he then had because she has been such a benefit to our community. She is not only a mum to three teenage children, she is also a person who has done so much for our community. Deputy Soulsby has spoken about that.

145 She worked when she first graduated from university in England for Nestle and Rowntree, but she came over to Guernsey and she initially worked for a production company. But then, for 20 years, she worked for Specsavers and she ended up as a member of the UK operating board as a Director of Customer Services, responsible for award-winning customer service in some 2,000 stores across Europe. So that speaks volumes for her and it speaks volumes for her ability. And she was able to project her abilities on behalf of Guernsey and on behalf of the company that employed her all across Europe.

150 Whilst at Specsavers, she gained an MBA, because she is one of those persons who constantly wants to add to her qualifications, add to her experience, add to her knowledge. And when she left Specsavers to embark on a new career, she gained teacher qualifications from Brighton University and the local Guernsey College of FE. She understands people because she has worked with the young adults at the College of FE and she delivers courses at the GTA University Centre. She is also a coach and she works with people to help build their confidence and realise their potential. So, she is always trying to help people. Her passion is to make people the best that they can be.

160 She has recently joined the NED Development Committee at the GTA, helping individuals with the NED expertise and that is an important part of our economy. She has set up her own customer service consultancy and worked with local and European businesses to help improve their customer service offering. She is part of the IoD organising committee and she has been a non-executive director of the Co-op since 2019. And then, amongst other things, it has given her an insight into financial regulation *et al.* And she is also a non-executive director of Island FM.

165 Now, when I read through that, I thought, this woman cannot be in her early 50s, she has got to be 80. She is going to be too old to be a Jurat. But, of course, that is not true because she is a person of real ability and shows what you can do if you want to do. So she is a person who, as I say before, and I do not make any apologies for repeating it, has the qualities which are necessary for the office of Jurat in abundance. I commend her to you.

The Bailiff: Thank you. I now invite the proposer of Mr James, Deputy Trott, to address the Assembly.

175 **Deputy Trott:** Thank you, sir.

Members of the States of Election, the Jurat system in the Bailiwick continues to provide the quality of decision-making and the independence of mind to ensure that the judgments of the Royal Court have the requisite degree of authority to provide assurance to the legal profession and importantly our community at large. We must not under estimate the importance of Jurats and the work that they do on behalf of the Royal Court. They are a credit to us all.

180 Now, Deputy Falla and I believe we need a candidate that can demonstrate a quality of decision-making and independence of mind, but also an understanding of all facets of our community and can combine perceptive intelligence with humility, patience and good humour. With that in mind,

185 sir, I am delighted to have the privilege of proposing one such candidate; a person who provides all
of those qualities, but also unusually has a quality that neither I nor the President of the Policy &
Resources Committee possess.

Sir, if you or any Member of this electoral college were to ask about Mr Rick James in and around
our community, they would find that every response would be a positive one. He is, it is fair to say,
universally respected in our community, and for good reason.

190 Mr James is well known to a generation and a half of Islanders as the Vice-Principal of Elizabeth
College where he regularly stood in for the Principal. He is also a communicant member of the
Church of England and will know many Islanders of all backgrounds through that role and the work
that comes with it.

195 If you ask his peers, they will tell you that he is an experienced and conscientious professional
with a proven record in education as a successful teacher and innovative leader. They will tell you
that he is an honest, compassionate individual with a wealth of experience of handling staff issues,
care issues and other pastoral issues of all colours and hues.

200 They will tell you that he has a genuine passion and energy for serving this community. They will
tell you about his integrity, his honesty and his ability to listen, as well as to talk. In short, they will
tell you that he is exactly the kind of individual that the Jurats and the Royal Court will welcome in
the fold. And that he is exactly the kind of individual who will serve our community with diligence,
intelligence and compassion in the role of Jurat.

205 While many of those skills have been shaped and developed by his work through Elizabeth
College, the Church of England and many and varied charitable endeavours, they have also been
honed through his numerous personal interests. He enjoys rugby, tennis and skiing. He reads widely,
enjoys creative writing, film and photography. He is well travelled. But, he also appreciates the many
qualities of living in Guernsey.

210 Now, sir, Rick, as he prefers to be known, came to Guernsey following higher education at the
University of Kent and postgraduate study at the University of Birmingham. Along the way, he
became very close friends with the sadly now deceased comedy-great, Rik Mayall. And sir, the
temptation to snort in homage was difficult to resist, but I am sure you are pleased that I managed
it.

215 Now, many here today will assume that I am young enough for Mr James to have taught me
(*Laughter*) and I can understand why they would have made that mistake. So, better to clarify that I
got to know him best during my 12 years as a director and governor of Elizabeth College. I was
always impressed by his calm wisdom, judgement and fairness.

220 Sir, I have spoken to many people who have reinforced my view that Rick James would be an
excellent addition to the Jurats' Bench. They said that he is a cheerful and sociable person, that he
enjoys working with all types of people and relates well to them from whatever background they
may come from. He is a good listener, with the ability to see all sides of an argument. In discussion
and in committee work, he can divert the conversation tactfully if it seems to be veering off topic.
Yet he always seeks to find common ground.

225 They said that in time spent working with him as a colleague, it became clear that he has deep
seated immutable and admirable personal characteristics. Primarily, he has a keen sense of justice
and will work hard to make sure that individuals are treated fairly. Because of this, he is also
passionate about giving everybody the best chance to succeed in life, whatever the mistakes they
have made or misfortunes endured.

230 And finally, they said that given a task to perform, he will carry it out with careful attention to
detail, making sure that he has taken the views of all stakeholders into account. Two recent examples
at Elizabeth College are the setting up of the bursary scheme and the oversight of the management
of the introduction of co-education. Neither task was carried out without opposition in some
quarters, and in both, there were details of implementation over which much strong fat was being
chewed by onlookers. In response, he showed himself willing to change his tactical view when fresh
or contradictory evidence was produced. But, nothing diverted him from the belief that what he was
235 doing was in the best interests of the young people involved and of the wider economy.

Now, sir, I have spoken to members of the church, the Bar and the Douzaines about Rick James and his potential role as a Jurat and they were equally enthusiastic, supportive and, dare I say, effusive. They also talked about how Rick has dealt closely with a great many people, particularly young people, during his long career as a teacher. And he was described as someone who knows a lot about people and about human nature, as a very wise and sensible human being and as an intelligent, educated and knowledgeable man. They also said that at the same time he is nobody's fool and he sees realities clearly. He is not afraid to speak out and knows his own mind and has a lot of life experience. But he is not an arrogant man; rather, he is modest and unassuming.

Sir, in summary, the prevailing and consistent views from many parts of the community are that Rick James will bring good judgement, objectivity, fairness, a good knowledge of Guernsey and its community, pastoral sensitivity and confidentiality to the role of Jurat. I absolutely agree. And on that basis, I fully and wholeheartedly commend Rick James for the role of Jurat.

Thank you, sir.

The Bailiff: Thank you.

And finally, I turn to the seconder of Mr James, Deputy Falla, to address the Assembly, please.

Deputy Falla: Sir and Members of the States of Election, I have known Rick James for more than 10 years and for a long time before that I would have regarded him as perhaps a nodding acquaintance. He has an affable demeanour that exudes warmth and familiarity. And it is striking that balance between informality and respectability or bearing that I believe is one of his greatest qualities and one of those that makes him well suited to the role of Jurat.

I got to know him a little better when my two sons joined Elizabeth College in 2008 and 2011, respectively. He was always a warm and welcoming presence at parents' evenings, prize-givings and other key events in the College calendar. In fact, as a Vice-Principal, Rick was actually more so the face of the school than the Principals, several of whom he out-served over his 41 years at the school. In his lieutenant's role, he of course, deputised for the Principal of the day. He provided the College's continuity and was both a great source of knowledge about college life and culture and also an approachable, friendly ambassador for the school for parents, students and colleagues.

I did not attend the college myself, I went to the other place. That is why I feel comfortable referring to him as Rick rather than Mr James. I got to know Rick much better when I was appointed to the Board of Elizabeth College around seven years ago and I saw him in action around the board table and in the context of the sub-committees on which I served.

Elizabeth College is a very big organisation by Guernsey standards, with more than 600 pupils and staff and numerous other stakeholders. Holding a very senior position in such an organisation is not for the faint-hearted, lightweight or self-serving. It brings with it challenges and requires a good measure of problem-solving ability. In my dealings with Rick, I observed his calm approach. In fact, I have never seen him ruffled by challenges or the unexpected which were an inevitability of his chosen profession. He is focused and organised.

While rebuilding sheds is on his list of hobbies and interests, he is not one to hide away in one to shirk his responsibilities. I was on the board when the Roger Perrot legacy enabled a bursary to be established following the end of selection and scholarships. I saw the huge amount of work that Rick contributed to ensuring that the process was as good as it could be in ensuring that the opportunity to join the school was made available to those most deserving of it. An example of the fairness and just approach that he embodies.

Now, Deputy Trott has already mentioned Rick's integrity and it was one of the first two words that sprang to mind when I was thinking about what I should say this morning. 'Integrity' sums him up well and of course it must be the hallmark of the Jurats' Bench. The other word was 'character' – strength of character, depth of character. Rick's personal characteristics include honesty, compassion and understanding. Perhaps in part, influenced and strengthened by his deep personal Christian faith. He is a people person. He has the ability to read and get the measure of people. His intellect is beyond question. He has a positive energy. He is a team player and collaborator.

290 The role of Jurat will enable the Guernsey community to continue to benefit from his considerable skills and qualities. This is Rick's time to serve as a Jurat and I have no hesitation in commending him to you as a highly worthy candidate for the role.

The Bailiff: Thank you very much.

295 Well, Members of the States of Election, before you can proceed to vote, we must elect some scrutineers. My understanding, Madam Procureur, is that you and the Comptroller are proposing and seconding the following nominees. That is Jurat Paul Bernard, Deputy Simon Fairclough and Deputy Sasha Kazantseva-Miller to be elected as scrutineers.

The Procureur: That is correct, sir, yes.

300 **The Bailiff:** And that is formally seconded, Mr Comptroller?

The Comptroller: It is, sir.

305 **The Bailiff:** And, therefore, Members of the States of Election, I am going to put to you the proposition that Jurat Bernard, Deputy Fairclough and Deputy Kazantseva-Miller be elected as scrutineers. Those in favour; and those against?

Members voted Pour.

The Bailiff: I declare the three scrutineers duly elected.

310 Now the magic number: I have received from the Greffier a certificate stating that there are present in the Chamber, 88 Members of the States of Election; so divide by two and add one and you get the magic number.

315 Now there are provisions relating to voting contained in the Reform (Guernsey) Law 1948 as amended. Article 5, paragraph 2 provides that no candidate shall be declared elected unless he or she has polled a number of votes greater than one half of the number of Members of the States of Election present at the meeting at which the election is held. Hence the magic number. That Article further provides that voting shall be by secret ballot, irrespective of the number of candidates offering themselves for elections.

I would remind the Assembly, therefore, that those Members supporting a candidate should place a cross in the appropriate place on the voting paper, and that if neither candidate is supported, Members should return a blank voting paper.

320 Voting will, as usual, take place in the Jurats' room and in the lobby outside this Chamber. And Members should proceed in the order of their names on the roll call as follows. This is where we test whether you are listening.

325 The roll call has been divided into three. The first section contains the names of the Jurats, the Rectors and the two Law Officers. The second section contains the names of all of the Deputies. Electors in those two sections should form into two orderly queues outside the corridor to the Jurats' room, and on entering the Jurats' room, the Members in the first section of the roll call should proceed to the table on the left, and the second section to the table on the right. So, all Deputies go right to collect their ballot papers. And after voting, will you please exit the Jurats' room via the Jurats' lobby.

330 Now, the third section, as you are well aware, is the Members who are the Douzaine Representatives here and they are to form a single queue, please, and vote in the lobby outside this Chamber. And after having cast your vote, please move through to the cloak room adjacent to the lobby until the Douzaine Representative for St Andrews has voted, because he will be last.

335 After voting has been completed, I request that all Members return to the Chamber in readiness for the results to be declared.

So will you now please allow the Greffier and the scrutineers to leave the Chamber first so that the scrutineers can examine the voting boxes and record their votes. And once the voting has been completed, we will resume.

There was a ballot.

340 **The Bailiff:** Members of the States of Election, I have received from the Greffier the record of the vote which is as follows: Jillian Clark received 53 votes and Richard Jeremy Wallen James received 34 votes. There was one blank paper.

345 Because the candidate has polled a number of votes greater than one half of the number of Members present, I therefore, formally declare that Jillian Clark has this day been elected as a Jurat of the Royal Court. And by time honoured custom and practise, I shall now address His Majesty's Sheriff and direct him formally to notify Mrs Clark of her election and to require her to attend the Royal Court to take the necessary oath:

Monsieur le Prévôt du Roi , veuillez, je vous prie, présenter mes compliments et mes félicitations à Madame Clark et lui faire part de son élection à la charge de Juré-Justicier de la Cour Royale.

350 *Priez-lui d'avoir l'obligeance de se présenter Lundi, le six Février à neuf heures et demi du matin devant la Cour Royale siegéant en Cour afin que le serment attachant à telle charge lui soit administré.*

The Sheriff: *Oui, Monsieur Le Bailli.*

355 **The Bailiff:** Thank you.

360 Now, Members of the States of Election, as you are aware, this is a unique electoral college which continues to fulfil an important contributory role in the administration of justice in this Island. Indeed, as both Deputy Ferbrache and Deputy Trott explained during their addresses to you, the Jurats are an important aspect of how we administer justice across the Bailiwick. I therefore thank you all for your attendance this morning. I know some of you are itching to get on with other matters. But those Members of the States of Election who are also Members of the States of Deliberation, we will sit in approximately 10 minutes' time. We will aim to do so as soon after 10.30 a.m. as we possibly can.

365 And I will now invite the Greffier to close today's proceedings of the States of Election with the grace.

PRAYER

The States' Greffier

The States of Election adjourned at 10.24 a.m.