



David A. Lavery CB

The Law Society of Northern Ireland Chief Executive

David Lavery was appointed Chief Executive of the Law Society of Northern Ireland in September 2019.

Mr Lavery also previously served as Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service and as Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Northern Ireland Department of Justice.

He also served as Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister from 1998-2001.

Mr Lavery holds an LLB from Queen's University, Belfast and an LL.M from Harvard Law School and he spent the earlier part of his career in private practice.

He was a Knox Fellow at Harvard and an Associate at Harvard's Centre for International Affairs. He is an Eisenhower Fellow and a Visiting Professor at Ulster University.

Mr Lavery is a Member of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission.

In 2008 he was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath.