

also sat as an Ireland Committee member of the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, since 2001.

3. I was appointed as a member of the ICPC, on 3 March 1997, by the then Secretary of State, Sir Patrick Mayhew QC. My role was both to supervise investigations into complaints against serving police officers, to review allocated case load files, and to make decisions on disciplinary recommendations under the Police (NI) Order 1987. I worked on approximately one hundred cases in my time there. I was commended for my application to the post and my term of office was extended on two occasions until the inception of the office of the Police Ombudsman in 2000. Whilst in the employment of the ICPC, I represented the Commission at various international conferences and events and made presentations in Gaza City, Palestine, Sydney, and Fordham University, New York City.
4. When I was first appointed as a member I was employed to work on ICPC matters for approximately one day a week. This increased to two days a week but, in reality, I usually spent more time than this on ICPC matters each week as I often attended interviews at police stations in the evenings.
5. I have always had an interest in Human Rights issues and when I saw the advertisement for the role of ICPC Commissioner in the Bar library, I thought that it would be an interesting role and so I submitted an application. I was a young practitioner, and the role also appealed as it was salaried. I also had a background in criminal law and was pleased to be able to use my experience and training. I had to declare all of my professional and private interests on the application form and I was then interviewed by a panel of three people who asked me about my practice at the bar and my voluntary interests. I did have interests in groups such as Amnesty International, and I held the position of vice chair of Amnesty's Lawyers Group at the time. However, this role involved the consideration of human rights issues outside of Northern Ireland and it did not therefore conflict with my application.