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Date

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Dear Mr Steel

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 180628003

Thank you for your request dated 28th June in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

I would like to be provided with a Practice Guidance issue by Bingham MR in 1994 which related to the informal use of "Lady Justice" when referring to female Court of Appeal judges. The Guidance relates to Baroness Butler-Sloss when she was a Lady Justice of Appeal. The Guidance was placed on a statutory footing in 2004 with the passing of the Courts Act 2003. In addition can you please include a citation or a location of this information so that I am able to correctly reference it in my work?

I apologise for the delay in responding. Your request has been handled under the FOIA. Your request has been dealt with by the Judicial Office, which is an office of the Ministry of Justice, and which provides official and legal support to the Lord Chief Justice, the Chief Coroner and other senior judges.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the FOIA, because it is reasonably accessible to you.

However, it might be helpful if I explain that the guidance is referred to on page 224, of A. Gillespie & S. Weare, The English Legal System (OUP, 5th edition). The title of the document is: Practice Note (Mode of Address: Lord Justice Butler-Sloss) [1994] 1 FLR 866. You may also be able to access this access through LexisNexis. It was also published in The Times on 2 May 1994.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response.

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You do have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely

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