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# States of Election

*The States of Election met at 9.30 a.m.*

[THE DEPUTY BAILIFF *in the Chair*]

## PRAYER

*The Greffier*

## EVOCATION

## CONVOCATION

**The Greffier:** Billet D'État III. To the Members of the States of Election of the Island of Guernsey, I hereby give notice that a meeting of the States of Election will be held at the Royal Court House on Wednesday, 26th February 2020, at 9.30 a.m. for the purpose of electing a Jurat in place of Jurat Niall David McCathie, who has been appointed by the Royal Court to be a *Jurée-Justicière Suppléante*, with effect from 31st December 2019, pursuant to sections 11 and 12 of the Royal Court (Reform) (Guernsey) Law, 2008.

## Billet d'État III

### Election of a Jurat – Felicity Jane Quevatre-Malcic elected

**The Deputy Bailiff:** Members of the States of Election, a very good morning to you all. Perhaps you did not realise quite how popular you are, with the number of people outside! We have received nominations for the vacant office of Jurat, that of Anne Bernadette Setters, proposed by Deputy Andrea Dudley-Owen and seconded by Deputy Jane Stephens; that of Jonathan Richard Beck, proposed by Deputy Lindsay de Sausmarez and seconded by Deputy Michelle Le Clerc; and that of Felicity Jane Quevatre-Malcic, proposed by Deputy Heidi Soulsby and seconded by Deputy Peter Ferbrache. So, without further ado, I invite the proposer of Mrs Setters, Deputy Dudley-Owen, to address the Assembly.

Deputy Dudley-Owen.

**Deputy Dudley-Owen:** Thank you, sir.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have known Anne Setters since I was a child. In our Guernsey way of identifying people, she was 'one of the hard 'uns from Mare d'aubret Rocque Balan'. We were both from L'Ancrese and Anne still remains today living close by her childhood home, not too far away in Rue du Passeur. Anne's parent's loved Guernsey and honeymooned here in 1956. In 1964, they

decided to move the family from London, where Anne was born, over to Guernsey. The family made Guernsey their home and soon became very involved in Island life.

25 Being some years older than me, I initially saw Anne through my child's eyes. She was one of the older sisters of my best friend. She was a grown-up, being in her early 20's, married with a family. Certainly, she was someone I looked up to. Anne was then, as she is now, honest, straight-forward, warm-hearted and very approachable.

30 Anne has thought long and hard about becoming a Jurat and has researched in depth what this means in terms of the role, her ability to carry this out and her capacity to commit. It was suggested around two years ago that she put her name forward and she was surprised that she might even be considered suitable. Her experience working at the prison was a key reason for her going forward with the idea.

35 Anne and I have spoken on a number of occasions over the last 10 months about her serious interest in the role. She has researched the role and has consulted with retired and sitting Jurats, as well as attending Court sittings, to understand and learn more about the commitment required.

40 She wanted to ensure that she had the time and energy to do the job properly. Anne put off standing in September 2019 because she was still teaching at the College of Further Education and did not want to compromise her ability to commit to such an important role or, equally that of being a lecturer.

Even in looking into this most important role, Anne has displayed very apt qualities that are related to executing Jurat duties. She takes a serious approach and this is displayed by the efforts she has put into researching the role and attending Court. She has shown that it is important to her to see things from a different perspective, by speaking to Jurats, past and present.

45 She has demonstrated her perseverance in this matter by not rushing her cogitation and decision-making on this serious role, and taken her time, until she was sure she had the ability and capacity to become a Jurat.

50 If Anne is prepared to do something, she is always committed 100%. When her children were at primary school, Anne was on the PTA committee for 13 years, including 11 as chairwoman. For the past three-and-a-half years Anne has been the Vale parish representative on the Baubigny Schools Committee.

Anne's work in the prison is another example of her commitment and it has had a profound effect on her. She is a woman of strong character and high standards. This will make her a valuable member of the Jurats' Bench,

55 In mentioning Anne's qualities, it is a good time to mention one of Anne's traits. One of Anne's is very special and makes her a little bit more unique than most of us, in that she is an identical twin. They were lucky enough to be brought up in a large, lovely family, who were supportive and encouraging in everything they did. They were taught from an early age to be considerate to others and to treat all as they would wish to be treated – their adage was everyone is equal – and were taught that at home as well as at school.

60 Anne has always been hard-working, determined and she has wide experience in many fields. She trained as a teacher and a counsellor, when she had young children, going on to get a degree in psychology, and she worked for many years at the College of Further Education, where she was known for her calm, caring and encouraging nature. Anne has always shown an interest in both education and the Law, working herself as a tutor in the prison and that interest has been passed onto her children. Two work in the primary sector and one is an advocate.

I have personal experience, also, of Anne as a teacher. When I was in my early 20's, when she taught elements of a business administration course that I was studying, I found her to be fair, warm-hearted and understanding.

70 In her working life, Anne has shown her organisational skills, her ability to mix with all types of people, treating them all in the same caring and considerate manner. She is a diligent, conscientious and honest woman; someone who has devoted herself in many ways to helping others to reach their potential, whether it be via her work in the Prison, at the College of Further Education, as a counsellor, or in her athletics running.

75 Anne will make an intelligent, confident and fair Jurat, able to look at each situation separately and with balance. I commend Anne Setters to the States of Election today. She is a woman of true substance and integrity.

**The Deputy Bailiff:** Thank you, Deputy Dudley-Owen.  
80 I now invite the seconder of Mrs Setters, Deputy Stephens, to address the Assembly.

**Deputy Stephens:** Thank you, sir.  
Members of the States of Election, I am very pleased to second the nomination of Anne Setters. Anne and I met for the first time in the late summer of 1985, when she brought her first child to  
85 become a member of the reception class at St Mary and St Michael Primary School, which was the class that I taught at the time. And so began my association with the family.

Two years later, Anne's second child joined the school and subsequently all Anne and her husband Paul's children had their primary education there. Some years later, I moved to live quite close to the Guernsey cottage within a stone's throw of L'Ancrese Common, that has been occupied  
90 by the Setters since 1983. Now teachers continue to think about their past pupils for many years and as I go to the common, nearly every day, and pass the Setters' home, I have had plenty of opportunity to do just that and when I have seen Anne out running, I have been reminded of the success of that particular family unit.

So, building on what Deputy Dudley-Owen has just said, I want to draw out Anne's strengths and suitability for the role of Jurat. So I begin with family and Anne's undoubted success in raising  
95 six children who are contributors now in the field of education and the law. Although she opted to stay at home with her first infant child, she continued to work from home, appreciating the opportunity to continue to develop her own learning and skills.

Anne has developed strong principles, which inform her opinions and often steer her actions. In  
100 1986, she was offered the post of administrative assistant to the Guernsey Civil Service Association, now called Prospect. When maternity leave for States' employees was being decided upon, Anne was asked to attend the meetings on behalf of the GCSA Committee and take part in the discussions and research. This was very important to her, made her part of the decision-making process on this important addition of rights for employees.

Now, striving for equality is a very important part of what Government does, but I would like to  
105 point out that this is not a new consideration in Guernsey. In the mid 1980's Anne, whilst employed as a clerk for a ferry company, discovered that she and other female employees were being paid less than a male colleague with an equal role. The employees attempted negotiation but, finally, Anne resigned from her post, when the company refused to pay them an equal amount.

110 I want to speak about Anne as a teacher. To be a successful teacher, an individual must have certain qualities, one being good knowledge of a subject. Another being the ability to make that subject understood by the learner.

A teacher also has to have a real desire to help the learner improve their understanding by being  
115 willing to share what they know, to be generous, to make accurate assessments of the abilities and needs of other people, to be patient and to be willing to be part of a team, sometimes a team of only two people, and sometimes that of a larger group.

Anne has been and is a successful learner and teacher and wishes to bring her abilities to learn, to analyse, and to make good assessments of people and their circumstances to the Jurat role. Teaching has also demonstrated Anne's tenacity, when dealing with difficult circumstances. For the  
120 past seven-and-a-half years, she has been teaching at the Guernsey Prison. Some groups, she tells me, have been very challenging. But most people have responded well and completed their courses with her. She enjoys working with prisoners and building up trusting relationships with them.

She values the enlightening conversations she has had with inmates and she has gained a perspective of what a prison sentence actually means to a person, how it can help someone to  
125 change but how it can also exacerbate anti-social behaviour. By association, she also knows the impact a custodial sentence has on the prisoner's family. I emphasise that Anne has continued in

this role for seven and a half years and I think that is evidence of her considerable commitment to people and to a difficult task.

130 In addition, Anne has been delivering employment courses for social security and has recently started to work at the Guernsey Employment Trust as a voluntary IT tutor. As Deputy Dudley-Owen has reminded us, for the past three-and-a-half years Anne has been a member of the Baubigny Schools Committee as a Vale parish representative. She tells me that attending the meetings has given her an appreciation of how the school is run and the range of challenges to be met.

135 She is a Streetlife Pastor, which involves walking in the Town area on weekend evenings and offering help and assistance to anyone in need. This work has given her an appreciation of the issues faced by the police and she recognises how difficult their job is. This work can also be challenging, as people who have been drinking can sometimes be confrontational. She has excellent communication skills and she is happy to speak to anyone and, particularly, to listen to them. She tells me that sometimes people who have been drinking want to talk, a lot.

140 As well as family and education, the Prison, and supporting and counselling people in many different situations, Anne has many personal interests. She likes to keep fit and enjoys running, particularly on the Common. She believes keeping fit and healthy is very important to mental wellbeing, as well as physical wellbeing. As a member of the Athletics Club Anne, with a friend, organised the Specsavers Fun Run for many years and so a personal interest developed into work for others and a chance to develop her organisational skills.

145 Anne Setters is a person who has shown over and over again her willingness to work in voluntary roles, with children and young people and others who need skills to find employment. A woman of principle and tenacity, a woman who has served our community in many ways and is willing to bring all her experience to the role of Jurat, where I believe she can contribute sound judgment, commitment, compassion and continue in her work for the community. Who she is and what she has achieved gives her a very firm foundation for the role.

Thank you, sir.

**The Deputy Bailiff:** Thank you, Deputy Stephens.

155 I now invite the proposer of Mr Beck, Deputy de Sausmarez, to address the Assembly.  
Deputy de Sausmarez.

**Deputy de Sausmarez:** Thank you, Mr Deputy Bailiff and States of Election.

160 Jonathan Beck is an extraordinary person, with the personal qualities, intellectual attributes and professional expertise to make an excellent Jurat of the Royal Court, which is why I am very pleased to propose him for the role.

That role is, as we all know, an ancient one, but the world in which Jurats must exercise their judgement, is very much that of the 21st century. Jonathan is in his 40's, so as well as his highly relevant skill set and broad knowledge base, he would bring to the Jurats' Bench that useful and complimentary perspective.

165 I describe Jonathan as extraordinary because what he has achieved in his career is well beyond ordinary and he has done that through exceptional focus, application and energy. This is why he is already at a point in his life that he can commit fully to the role of Jurat. A summary of his professional life illustrates well the kind of person Jonathan is.

170 Although he was given an unconditional offer to study at university, Jonathan was keen to start work straight away, so he moved directly from Elizabeth College into the finance sector, specifically insurance. It is fitting that this high-flyer started out as an underwriter in the aviation industry. His feet stayed firmly on the ground, though, dealing very early in his career with the Channel Express F27, that came down in Guernsey in 1999, the Concorde crash of 2000 and the appalling loss that was 911 in 2001.

175 From there, he moved into sports personal accident insurance, including the likes of Formula One world champions, for example, and then into even higher octane insurance: rocket launchers and in-orbit space travel. Jonathan took the opportunity to join Hiscox when they opened an office



180 in Guernsey and moved into the mysterious world of K&R insurance. That is kidnap, ransom and extortion, for those that did not know.

Jonathan specialised in Latin America, which was, and I quote, ‘incredibly active’, and within a few years, Hiscox had become the largest insurer of this type in the world. Jonathan was also part of another market-leading team – war, terror and political violence – whilst also building up a glittering international portfolio in fine art and jewellery insurance. Anyone that thinks insurance is dull and boring has not met Jonathan Beck.

185 At the age of just 28, Jonathan was recruited to build out the crisis management account for Australia’s biggest insurer, QBE, in London, a role that involved hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of exposure and some very prudent underwriting. Having done that with considerable success, he was headhunted to do the same for an American insurance CAN Hardy, as managing director back in Guernsey, giving Jonathan and his wife Melanie the perfect opportunity to return to island life, set up their permanent home and raise their family.

190 Jonathan’s next professional challenge was to join the XL Group, one of the world’s biggest insurers, again to build out their crisis management business. Five years on, and now under the flat of AXA, Jonathan is the chairman of two companies within the group and is also developing the venture capital and alternative capital revenue streams.

195 So, apart from testifying to Jonathan’s intelligence, diligence and competence, what does his stellar career tell us about his suitability for the role of Jurat? Jurats are, of course, the chief determinants of fact and, as such, their ability to exercise good judgement is critical. In Jonathan’s day-to-day role as an underwriter, heading up his team, he has to make clear, high-stakes decisions based on the information available to him. Some of these decisions involve huge amounts of work around highly complicated subjects. His track record speaks volumes for his good judgement of fact.

200 Through his work in kidnap, ransom and extortion insurance, in particular, Jonathan has been in all kinds of situations involving all kinds of different people from all walks of life, some in an extremely emotional state. It is no exaggeration to say that, on occasion, lives depended on Jonathan’s ability to correctly assess the scenario, however scant or obscure the facts might be.

205 While cases brought before the Royal Court are not usually quite so drastic or intense, the skills that Jonathan honed in that part of his career are pertinent to the role of Jurat. His experience, making focused, considered judgement calls in very sensitive situations would stand him in good stead.

210 More mundane, perhaps, but just as relevant, is Jonathan’s clear understanding of complex financial structures within the world of funds, trusts, banking and insurance. This is a vital area of expertise that we need to have on the Jurats’ Bench, as the number of cases relating to financial crime coming before the Court are only likely to increase.

215 One of Jonathan’s three directorships is an insurance-related tech company, another very useful area of understanding that he would bring to the role of Jurat. As well as these directorships, Jonathan sits on numerous underwriting committees and is a member of the Personal Finance Society and Chartered Insurance Institute. He would, however, be prepared to resign from any of these posts if they created a conflict with the role of Jurat.

220 Jonathan’s career demonstrates him to be a highly intelligent and very knowledgeable person, who makes sound and well-reasoned decisions. He has earned the respect of his colleagues and peers across the industry, locally and internationally. Not only is his professional experience highly relevant to some of the most important cases that come before our Jurats, but his knowledge and understanding of his areas of professional expertise is absolutely up to the minute.

225 Jonathan is not looking for a role to ease him towards retirement; he is a person at the top of his game, with his finger very much on the industry pulse. It is because he has already achieved so much that he is now at a point in his career that he can be completely flexible and give much more of his time back to the community.

230 I have quizzed him, carefully, on how he would approach the role of Jurat, and I am reassured that he would quite simply prioritise it over everything else. His commitment to the role is sincere,

absolute, and highly commendable. I will not expand on Jonathan's personal life now, as Deputy Le Clerc will do that shortly, but I will say that, as a parent of two young children, he wants to serve as a Jurat so that he can, in his words, hand the Island onto the next generation, even better than it is now.

235 Jonathan would, I believe, make an excellent Jurat, bringing to the role not just a strong blend of personal and intellectual attributes, but also a highly relevant knowledge base and perspective that would complement and augment the existing expertise on our Jurats' Bench. For these reasons, I warmly commend his candidature to the States of Election.

240 **The Deputy Bailiff:** Thank you, Deputy de Sausmarez.  
I next invite the seconder of Mr Beck, Deputy Le Clerc, to address the Assembly.  
Deputy Le Clerc.

**Deputy Le Clerc:** Thank you, sir.

245 I am delighted and honoured to once again put forward Jonathan for the position of Jurat. He just only narrowly missed out at the last Jurat election and I am delighted that he has considered standing again. He is not the typical person that puts himself forward for election to this position, as most people of his age are concentrating on their careers and would find the juggle of career and role of Jurat quite a balancing act.

250 However, he would go into this role with his eyes open. He has discussed at length the role with other Jurats and is completely aware of the time commitment required for the task and, as Deputy de Sausmarez has already explained, he would prioritise the role above everything else.

255 Jonathan was born on 11th September 1979, in Guernsey. Sadly, both his parents are now deceased. His father Tony was a civil engineer for the States of Guernsey, and his mother Marilyn was an estate agent. I know both Jonathan and his brother Simon from when I was playing hockey. That was before politics. Unfortunately, time and fitness no longer permit to play and I doubt I would be able to keep up with him now.

Jonathan attended Beechwood and Elizabeth College and continues as an Old Elizabethan today. Jonathan is married to Melanie, a former jeweller at Derek Birch, and they have two children. After living away from the Island, they are pleased to be back bringing up their children in Guernsey. They love getting outdoors and enjoyed what Guernsey has to offer. They live at L'Islet in an old farmhouse, which they have been restoring for many years.

265 John continues to play sport. He has represented Guernsey at numerous sports and he windsurfed for Guernsey at the 2005 Island Games in Shetland. He has also cycled in numerous inter-insulars, both on and off-road, and can be found running on the cliffs, these days, or perhaps this time of year indulging in his passion for skiing.

270 It is usual at this point for me to give details of all the worthy and vulnerable volunteering that the nominee supports, but John's support is much more subtle than the usual candidates and I admire him for his different approach. He has told me how important it has been for him to be able to give back to the community. He has been helping younger sportsmen realise their ambitions and help drive them on to bigger and better things. He has always been grateful to the fantastic mentors who helped him to get off-Island to further his own sporting ambitions.

275 It was this grounding which was so important to him. He made a promise to himself that, if he had the financial means to help others progress in their sporting endeavours, he would do all he could to assist in the same way he was helped. The support goes even further than just financial support, he says, often you just need someone to keep you on track or someone to put an arm around you, or when your head gets a little big, someone to bring you down to earth and back into line.

280 He has supported two local cyclists to push themselves and they are now competing, with John's support, at the very highest levels in international competition. John also sponsors a local pool league, giving financial support, paying match fees so players who would ordinarily not be able to compete, due to cost constraints.

As I have explained, Jonathan is younger than the average candidate for this role but I believe it is important that the Jurats' bench should reflect the wider make-up of our community. We have worked hard over the past few years towards gender equality. Indeed, I have nominated women for the role, but what is lacking is diversity in other areas, such as age. As I have already said, many younger candidates are put off by the time commitment, when pursuing a career and almost a lifetime commitment to the role.

Jonathan is fully aware of that commitment he is taking on or would take on if elected. It is something he has wanted to do for a number of years but could not commit the time previously, due to building his own business, as we have heard from Deputy de Sausmarez. He is totally committed to this role, please give him the opportunity and support his nomination today.

Thank you, sir.

**The Deputy Bailiff:** Thank you, Deputy Le Clerc.

I now invite the proposer of Mrs Quevatre-Malcic, Deputy Soulsby, to address the Assembly.  
Deputy Soulsby.

**Deputy Soulsby:** Thank you sir, States of Election.

I have great pleasure in proposing Felicity Quevatre-Malcic for the role of Jurat and I do so as I believe that through her career she has demonstrated that she has not only the experience but qualities that make her supremely placed to take on what is an incredibly important role in our community. As part of the oath states, rendering justice to all, great or small.

Although a Guernsey girl, and Deputy Ferbrache will give an insight into her personal life in a minute, Felicity spread her wings at a young age and trained and worked for many years beyond our shores. Someone skilled in modern languages, she has a German degree from London University, Italian language diploma from Università per Stranieri, and MAs in German and History of Art from Indiana University.

For someone with a love and skill for languages it is probably no surprise that she is also an enthusiastic supporter of the campaign to establish the future of Guernésiais on a firmer footing. With such excellent communication skills, it is also probably no wonder she spent the first part of her career in journalism.

In her 20's, she lived and worked in Germany, Italy, the US, and the UK, and then worked for BBC Guernsey for five years in the 1980's. She worked for five years on current magazine programmes for BBC Radio 4 and four 10 years as a newsroom journalist and writer for Channel 4 News and ITN *News at Ten*. As you can imagine, the work was fast-paced and rapidly changing, requiring speedy analysis of a constantly evolving situation.

It was through the work she did that led her to develop a long-standing interest in social justice and prison reform. When she was at the BBC, she produced and reported on a number of short features on HMP Whitemoor, about supporting and maintaining family contact, HMP Grendon, assessing the impact of the therapeutic community, and Wormwood Scrubs, featuring the charity Inquest, looking at deaths in custody.

Her work on the project at Whitemoor, in particular, had a profound influence on her. As part of this, she was in close contact with the family of an inmate, seeing the impact his conviction had on their lives. Just working on *Woman's Hour*, she met many people who wanted to talk to her about their experiences, which could not be said publicly, and she was frustrated that she could not help and also did not know how their lives would turn out. In journalism it is all about another day, another story.

Instead of just reporting on people's lives, she wanted to help people's lives, providing advocacy and support. So, as if she had not attained enough qualifications already, she retrained as a psychological counsellor and psychotherapist. This at a time when she was pregnant and a young mother. Since then, she has been working in private practice in Guernsey for the last 20 years. She has worked as a trainer and counsellor for Safer for 15 years, working closely with the late and

335 much-missed Maggie Costen, she has provided free counselling to clients referred by Safer and delivered training as a volunteer for 10 years.

She supports people who have been referred to her from Victim Support, as an employee assistance provider, and through Guernsey Mind, helping people working through trauma. This is work that is clearly confidential and, as such, a world away from life as a journalist, broadcasting to the nation. However, some of the same skills are required, asking searching questions, making close and detailed observations and drawing conclusions on which that work is based.

340 Felicity tells me that most journalists and most psychologists show a fascination with how people's minds work, how individuals view the world and what prompts people to behave as they do and that the decades she has spent doing both, the very public work and very private work, she has found the two fields are surprisingly similar. They have given her the opportunity to reflect on the choices people make, what prompts those decisions and their consequences.

345 It is my view that this very experience and insight makes her eminently qualified and worthy to discharge the duties of a Jurat and that is why I am honoured to propose Felicity Quevatre-Malcic to such an important position.

350 **The Deputy Bailiff:** Thank you, Deputy Soulsby.  
I next invite the seconder of Mrs Quevatre-Malcic, Deputy Ferbrache, to address the Assembly.  
Deputy Ferbrache.

**Deputy Ferbrache:** Thank you very much, sir.  
355 Deputy de Sausmarez highlighted the history of the role of Jurat. Perhaps it is worth just considering that because seven or eight centuries ago, in England, they decided to evolve both justices of the peace *custos pacis*, and jurors. So they did separate roles. In Guernsey we have always done things better than England and what we did, we created the role of Jurats and Jurats have discharged their duties with integrity and ability over centuries and centuries.

360 The role was significantly revised post the reforms of 1948, but remains a fundamentally important role and, again, quoting if I may from Deputy de Sausmarez's comments in relation to her candidate, it is a role that needs to be dealt with and reflected in the 21st century and Felicity Quevatre is exactly that person.

365 Now her family, the Quevatre family have been in Guernsey for years and years and her family have been in Vale, in particular, for the last 200 years, in the horticultural industry. Her granddad Albert was a grower, but he was also a Conseiller and he was at the real vanguard, cutting edge of technology, because when he was president of the Dairy Board, in the early 60's, he introduced Tetra-paks into Guernsey.

370 Her Uncle William was evacuated and went off too, with Elizabeth College, but returned to Guernsey after the war and was a dairy farmer, a chorister and a poet. She now lives with her family and she has lived there for over 20 years in her Uncle William's former home. Her father Leonard also was evacuated during the War, joined the RAF, met his wife, the mother of Felicity. They made a career in England because, if you remember, the Island was equally divided. Some came back, some did not. He had a career in industry. But he retired to Guernsey in 1977 and was a director of Elizabeth College.

375 But the family always, during Felicity's childhood, came back to Guernsey during the summer. They had connections with the Island. She is, to use again a hackneyed phrase, a Guernsey girl. But in connection with that again, as Deputy Soulsby has said, she is highly educated. She has considerable intelligence. She has gone to higher academic institutions, both in London, Italy and America. And she has fashioned that. She had a career in journalism and she decided, with the early days of Radio Guernsey, to come back as a presenter.

380 That is where I first met her, because I was a part-time presenter, at that time, of the Sunday phone-in and I remember talking to her. She has probably forgotten this, one of the key issues of the day was education. *(Laughter)* People did not chant outside Radio Guernsey when I was there  
385 but they may do it outside the Law Court today.

In connection with that, Felicity was an excellent journalist. She presented *Island Magazine* for about four or five years in Guernsey but then her career as a broadcaster, as so ably set out by Deputy Soulsby, took her elsewhere. She worked for Radio 4, she worked for ITN. She was a current affairs journalist, she was a news journalist. But she always came back to Guernsey because this was going to be her ultimate home. This was where she started from and this is where she wanted to end up. She had the career change that Deputy Soulsby talked about in the late 1990's. She had high interest, again, as Deputy Soulsby has said, in social justice and prison reform and produced these articles and these programmes that, again, Deputy Soulsby has referred to.

But she was much more than that because a journalist assimilates information, produces a product and then moves on. She wanted to do something more than that and therefore, again as Deputy Soulsby has said, she became a counsellor in the late 1990's, which is when she and her husband returned to Guernsey to bring up their boys and their boys have lived and were educated here and are still here at the moment, albeit one is at college, overseas, dealing with linguistics and is it not commendable that people can speak the number of languages that she can. Me and my good friend to my right, we struggle with one language; she can speak four!

In relation to all of that, she brings considerable qualities to the role of Jurat, should the States of Election elect her today. She is rooted in our community, she realises the integrity of what there is and because she has been both a producer of information and now, as a counsellor, she is a receiver of information, she can assimilate it and what Jurats have to do – and I have appeared before so many of them in the last near-39 years and they have all been pretty good, especially when they have agreed with me, they have been pretty good at assimilating information and coming to the right conclusion. And they do time and again.

That is an ability. You cannot pass an exam to do that. From my own knowledge of Felicity, she has that ability in spades. She will be able to do that. She will be able to bring the considerable experience that she has acquired over the last 20 years or so, as a counsellor doing the very important work that Deputy Soulsby has referred to, and she will equally be able to bring her investigative mind, which she acquired, those skills that she had naturally anyway, which were developed in her career as a journalist.

She is interested in the Anglican Church, she is interested in Guernsey, she is interested in our language, which again Deputy Soulsby has touched upon. I have no hesitation in both seconding the nomination and asking you to elect her as a jury.

Thank you.

**The Deputy Bailiff:** Thank you, Deputy Ferbrache.

Before we move on, Members of the States of Election, can I just check whether any Member has arrived who did not answer to his or her name? Yes sir, would you wish to be recorded as present? You have been here for all the speeches.

**Douzaine Representative Harris:** I would sir.

**The Deputy Bailiff:** Your name please, sir?

**Douzaine Representative Harris:** Douzenier Harris, St Peter Port.

**The Deputy Bailiff:** Thank you very much indeed. Can we mark him as present, then, please, then Greffier? Mr Harris, from St Peter Port Douzaine. It might change the numbers.

Members of the States of Election, before you proceed to vote, the Assembly must elect Scrutineers and I understand that the Law Officers are proposing and seconding the following three nominees, that is Jurat Peter Gill, Deputy Rhian Tooley and Deputy Victoria Oliver to be elected as Scrutineers. Is that correct, Madam Procureur?

**The Procureur:** Yes, that is correct sir.

440 **The Deputy Bailiff:** And Mr Comptroller, you are seconding those nominations?

**The Comptroller:** I am sir.

**The Deputy Bailiff:** Therefore I am going to put to you all the proposition that Jurat Gill, Deputy Tooley and Deputy Oliver be elected as Scrutineers. Those in favour; those against?

*Members voted Pour.*

445 **The Deputy Bailiff:** I declare that duly carried.

Thank you very much, Mr Greffier. I have just received from HM Greffier a certificate stating there are present in the Chamber 84 of the Members of the States of Election. It was quite clear at the outset that the 60 plus me had been met and we were therefore quorate, otherwise we would not have had any speeches at all.

450 There are provisions relating to voting in the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended. They are that Article 5.2 provides that no candidate shall be declared elected unless he 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. So, 84 divided by two, 42, plus one, so we are looking for 43 as the magic number.

455 That article also provides that voting shall be by secret ballot, irrespective of the number of candidates offering themselves for election. I would remind Members of the Assembly that those Members who support a candidate should place a cross in the appropriate place on the voting paper and that other Members should return a blank voting paper.

460 The voting will now take place in the Jurats' Room and in the lobby outside this Chamber. Now Members should proceed in the order of their names on the roll call as follows: the roll call has been divided into three. The first section contains the names of those Members up to and including the Deputies for St Peter Port South, that will end with Deputy Tooley. The second section contains the Members from the St Peter Port North electoral district, so starting with Deputy Gollop, which will be up to and including the South-East, so ending with Deputy Oliver, but she will already have gone, so it will be the one before her.

465 Electors in those two sections should form into two queues along the corridor to the Jurats' Room just out there. On entering the Jurats' Room, the Members in the first section of the roll call should proceed to the table on their left and the second section to the table on the right, to collect their ballot paper. After voting, please then exit the Jurats' Room via the Jurats' lobby. There will be a filtering turn inside.

470 The third section contains the names of all the Douzaine Representatives. That is easy for you. Electors in that section are to form a single queue and will vote in the lobby outside this Chamber and, after voting, please move through to the cloakroom adjacent to the lobby until the Douzaine Representative from St Andrew's has voted.

475 After voting has been completed, I would request that Members return to their seats in the Chamber, so that we can proceed as soon as the votes have been counted. Members will you now please allow HM Greffier and the three Scrutineers to leave the Chamber first, so that they can examine the voting boxes and record their votes and then be ready for each of you to cast your vote and then we will resume when the votes have been counted.

480 Thank you.

*There was a ballot.*

**The Deputy Bailiff:** Members of the States of Election, I have received from HM Greffier the record of the vote and the voting was as follows: there were 31 votes in favour of Anne Bernadette Setters, 16 votes in favour of Jonathan Richard Beck and 36 votes in favour of Felicity Jane Quevatre-Malcic. There was one spoiled paper.

485 Because the candidate with the highest number of votes has not polled a number of votes greater than one half of the number of Members of the States of Election present at this Meeting and, in pursuance of the provisions of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended, she cannot be declared elected and a second ballot is necessary.

490 However, under the provisions of the Law as amended, the candidate with the least number of votes in this ballot, where no candidate has been declared elected, is to be eliminated from the next ballot. That means that Mr Beck is therefore eliminated at this stage.

495 I remind Members of the Assembly that those supporting either of the two remaining candidates should place a cross in the appropriate place on the voting paper and that other Members should return a blank voting paper and the voting on the second ballot will now take place under the same conditions as the first ballot. Once again, if you could let HM Greffier and the three Scrutineers exit first, that would be appreciated please.

*There was a second ballot.*

500 **The Deputy Bailiff:** Members of the States of Election, I have received from HM Greffier the record of the vote on the second ballot and the voting was as follows: there were 37 votes in favour of Anne Bernadette Setters, there were 45 votes in favour of Felicity Jane Quevatre-Malcic. There was one spoiled paper and one blank paper.

The candidate has polled of votes greater than one half of Members present and I therefore formally declare that Felicity Jane Quevatre-Malcic has this day been elected as a Jurat of the Royal Court.

505 By time-honoured custom and practice I shall now address HM Sherriff and direct her formally to notify Mrs Quevatre-Malcic of her election and to require her to attend the Royal Court to take the necessary oath.

*Madame le Prévôt de la Reine, veuillez, je vous prie, présenter mes compliments et mes félicitations à Madame Quevatre-Malcic et lui faire part de son élection à la charge de Juré-Justicier de la Cour Royale.*

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

515 **The Deputy Bailiff:** Members of the States of Election, this remains a unique electoral college, which fulfils an important contributory role in the administration of justice in this Island and I therefore I would like to thank you all very much for your attendance this morning and your participation in this election.

I would remind those Members who are also Members of the States of Deliberation that the States of Deliberation will sit, if you so wish, in about 10 minutes' time.

520 HM Greffier, will you now close today's proceedings of the States of Election by reciting the closing Grace?

**PRAYER**

*The Greffier*

*The States of Election adjourned at 10.56 a.m.*