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-'''Sir Andrew Ewart McFarlane''' {{post-nominals|country=GBR|size=100%|PC}} (born 20 June 1954)<ref>{{cite web|url=http://www.judiciary.gov.uk/about-the-judiciary/judges-magistrates-and-tribunal-judges/list-of-members-of-the-judiciary/senior-judiciary-list|title=Senior Judiciary|publisher=www.judiciary.gov.uk|url-status=dead|archive-url=https://web.archive.org/web/20180628184318/https://www.judiciary.uk/about-the-judiciary/who-are-the-judiciary/senior-judiciary-list/|archive-date=28 June 2018 }}</ref> is a British judge. He was a [[Lord Justice of Appeal]] in [[Courts of England and Wales|England and Wales]] from 2011 to 2018, and became [[President of the Family Division]] in July 2018 upon Sir [[James Munby]]'s retirement from that office.

#### ==Early life and education==

-McFarlane was brought up in [[Solihull]], [[West Midlands (county)|West Midlands]], before moving to [[Crosby, Merseyside]].<ref name="":0"">{{Cite web|title=The family justice man: Sir Andrew McFarlane P|url=https://www.counselmagazine.co.uk/articles/the-family-justice-man-sir-andrew-mcfarlane-p|access-date=2021-08-10|website=Counsel Magazine|language=en}}</ref> He was educated at [[Shrewsbury School]] and studied law at [[Collingwood College, Durham]], and graduated in 1975.<ref>{{Cite web|url=http://issuu.com/communicationsoffice/docs/woodwords2010-11?mode=window&backgroundcolor=%23222222|title = Wood Words 2010/11}}</ref> He was an early member of Durham University Sensible Thespians (later renamed [[List of social activities at Durham University#Durham Revue|The Durham Revue]]), a sketch comedy group founded in 1973.<ref>{{cite web|title=The Durham Revue Reunion 2018 - Dunelm|url=https://www.dunelm.org.uk/events/durham-revue-reunion-2018|website=Dunelm|accessdate=3 August 2019}}</ref>

+'''Sir Nicholas Anthony Joseph Ghislain Mostyn'''<ref name=Num10/> (born 13 July 1957 in [[Lagos]], Nigeria), styled '''The Hon. Mr Justice Mostyn''', is a British [[High Court of Justice|High Court]] judge, assigned to the [[High Court of Justice|Family Division]].<ref name=times3758934/>

#### ==Legal career==

-McFarlane was [[called to the bar]] at [[Gray's Inn]] in 1977 and has been a [[Bench]] since 2003. He began his [[pupillage]] in London at chancery chambers before moving to 2 Fountain Court in [[Birmingham]] (now St Philips Chambers). While there, he and David Hershman wrote ''Hershman and McFarlane: Children Law and Practice''. He then moved to 1 King's Bench Walk in [[Temple, London]] in 1994.<ref name="":0"" /> In 1998, he became a [[Queen's

Counsel]].

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+The son of a [[British American Tobacco]] executive from [[North Wales]], Mostyn was born in Nigeria, and grew up there and in [[Venezuela]] and [[El Salvador]]. After his parents divorced, he was educated at [[Ampleforth College]] alongside [[Edward Stourton (journalist)|Edward Stourton]] where they won the [[Observer Mace]] [[debating]] prize.<ref name=GuardianBarber/> He then studied law at the [[University of Bristol]].<ref name=Times3758934/>

-He was appointed an Assistant Recorder in 1995, a Recorder in 1999 and a deputy High Court Judge in 2000. He was appointed as a judge of the [[High Court of Justice]] on 18 April 2005<ref>{{London Gazette |issue=57620 |page=5195 |date=21 April 2005}}</ref> and assigned to the [[High Court of Justice#Family Division|Family Division]], receiving the customary [[Knight Bachelor|knighthood]]. McFarlane was the Family Division Liaison Judge for the Midland [[Circuit court#England and Wales|Circuit]] from 2006 until his appointment as a [[Lord Justice of Appeal]]<ref>{{cite press release |url=http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/press-notices/2011/06/appointment-of-lord-justices-of-appeal-65193 |title=Appointment of Lords Justices of Appeal |publisher=number10.gov.uk |date=30 June 2011 |accessdate=30 June 2011 |archiveurl= https://web.archive.org/web/20110705070033/http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/press-notices/2011/06/appointment-of-lord-justices-of-appeal-65193 |archivedate=5 July 2011 |url-status = live}}</ref> on 28 July 2011,<ref>{{London Gazette |issue=59867 |page=14721 |date=2 August 2011}}</ref> whereupon he received the customary appointment to the [[Privy Council of the United Kingdom|Privy Council]]. On 28 July 2018, he was appointed [[President of the Family Division]].<ref>{{Cite web|title=Biography of The Rt Hon Sir Andrew McFarlane, President of the Family Division and Chair of the Family Justice Council|url=https://www.judiciary.uk/biography-of-the-rt-hon-sir-andrew-mcfarlane-president-of-the-family-division-and-chair-of-the-family-justice-council/|access-date=2021-08-10|website=www.judiciary.uk|language=en-US}}</ref>

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-He is the President of Tribunals and Chair of the Clergy Discipline

Commission of the [[Church of England]] under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003.<ref>{{cite web|title=Clergy Discipline Commission|url=https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/churchlawlegis/clergydiscipline/cdc.aspx|accessdate=20 October 2017}}</ref>

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+{{cquote|I think the performance of the CSA has been the greatest failure of public administration in the history of this country. The figures are simply mind-boggling. In its history, it has assessed about £8bn in child maintenance, and managed to collect about £4bn at a cost of £3bn. You might as well just pay them out of taxes. And the government's proposed reforms of the CSA are hopeless. The basis of the CSA is that child maintenance will be done by administrative assessment by a bureaucrat by reference to a formula – that was introduced in 1993. It did not work! They then had another act of Parliament to try and sort it out in 1995. It did not work! Labour came in, full of good intentions, 'We're going to sort this out, it's going to be brilliant'. Act of Parliament in 2000 – total failure! So if I was given a free bill in Parliament, it would be that. Abolish the CSA.}}

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+Mostyn became an assistant recorder in 1997, and both a recorder and a deputy High Court judge (in the Family Division) in 2000.<ref name=Times3758934/> He was appointed as a High Court judge on 20 April 2010, on the retirement of Mr Justice Bennett.<ref>{{cite web|url=http://www.familylawweek.co.uk/site.aspx?i=ed56136|title=Mr Justice Bennett retires from and Nicholas Mostyn joins the High Court bench|publisher=Family Law Week|date=20 April 2010|access-date=19 December 2010}}</ref> He was knighted on 11 May 2010.<ref name=Num10>{{cite web|url=http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/press-notices/2010/05/knighthood-for-judge-nicholas-mostyn-49870|title=Knighthood for Nicholas Mostyn|publisher=Number10.gov.uk|date=11 May 2010|access-date=19 December 2010}}</ref>

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+In 2015, Mostyn was removed from a case after he failed to follow a relevant ruling of the [[Supreme Court of the United Kingdom|Supreme Court]] concerning rights of disabled people (namely that they have the same right to “physical liberty” as non-disabled people).<ref>{{cite web|url=http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCOP/2014/45.html|title=[2014] EWCOP 45 Case No: 12488518|publisher=Manchester Civil Justice Centre|date=18 November 2014|access-date=31 January 2018}}</ref><ref>{{cite web|url=http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2015/1054.html|title=[2015] EWCA Civ 1054 Case No. 12488518|publisher=Royal Courts of Justice|date=20 October 2015|access-date=31 January 2018}}</ref><ref>{{cite web|url=https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/high-court-judge-removed-from-second-case-this-year-over-his-passionate-view-of-the-law-a6705001.html |archive-url=https://ghostarchive.org/archive/20220618/https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/high-court-judge-removed-from-second-case-this-year-over-his-passionate-view-of-the-law-a6705001.html |archive-date=18 June 2022 |url-access=subscription |url-status=live|title=High Court judge removed from second case this year over his 'passionate view' of the law|author=Ian Johnston|work=The Independent|date=22 October 2015|access-date=31 January 2018}}</ref> This was the second such occurrence.

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+Mostyn labels himself ""Catholic, Welsh and [[Wagner]]ian"",<ref name=GuardianBarber/> enjoys smoking, hunting, [[windsurfing]] and [[skiing]]; and follows (""generally despairingly"") [[Southampton F.C.]] and the England cricket team.<ref name=Times3758934/>

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+==Notable Cases==

+===As counsel===

+\*'''Karen v. [[Ray Parlour]]:''' won more than £4m in 2004 in a divorce against the settlement former [[Arsenal F.C.]] footballer, where it was ruled that Karen's efforts to curb Parlour's addiction to the 'laddish' footballer drinking culture meant she had played an important role in his career. She was awarded a £250,000 lump sum, an annual personal maintenance allowance of £406,500, two tax-free homes, £37,000 maintenance for their three children, and 37.5% of his future earnings.<ref name=GuardianBarber/>

+\*'''Miller v Miller:''' City of London fund manager Alan, who was married to Melissa for less than 1000 days, was ordered to pay her £5m of his reported £65m fortune. No children were involved.<ref

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+\*'''Sandra v. [[Martin Sorrell|Sir Martin Sorrell]]:''' won the ex-wife of the CEO of advertising group [[WPP plc|WPP]], a 40:60 share of marital in 2005, a sum of £29m after being ""marginalised and dehumanised"" by her husband during their 32-year marriage. The payout included a £23.4m lump sum, £2m in bank deposits, the family's £3.25m home, and two parking spaces valued at £200,000.<ref name=GuardianBarber/>

+\*'''Shan v. Harry Lambert:''' in 2001, won £7.5M for the ex-wife of the newspaper proprietor. Harry Lambert who was represented by Martin Pointer QC. In 2002 after an appeal by Harry, the figure was increased by £2.6m, half Lambert's £20m fortune. Lambert described his ex-wife's contribution to their 23-year marriage as ""revolving around children and the microwave,"" the judge quoted White v White back to him.<ref name=GuardianBarber/>

+\*'''Zeta v. Francois Graff:''' won the model, socialite and actress £10m on divorcing diamond heir Francois in 2003. The settlement included a London property and a jewellery collection, from a family worth more than £100m. Mostyn described the settlement as a ""crushing victory.""><ref name=GuardianBarber/>

+\* '''[[Paul McCartney|Sir Paul McCartney]] v. [[Heather Mills]]:''' in which Mostyn was retained by McCartney's solicitor [[Fiona Shackleton]],<ref><http://news.scotsman.com/topics.cfm?tid=371&id=1158612006> Reality bites for the McCartneys – Scotsman.com</ref> before Mills' solicitor Anthony Julius, leading to them being known during the case by the media as the ""legal dream team.""><ref name=Times3758934>{{cite web|url=<http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/law/article3758934.ece>|title=Sir Nicholas Mostyn|work=The Times|date=21 April 2008|access-date=19 December 2010}}</ref>

+\*'''[[Charles Spencer, 9th Earl Spencer]] v. second wife, Carolyn Freud:''' Mostyn represented the Earl. After losing the right to have the case heard in a closed court session, the Earl was upset at the final settlement. Mostyn, a keen farmer, named his latest batch of seven pigs after his thoughts on the case's high court judge, Mr Justice [[James Munby]]: James, Munby, Self-regarding, Pompous, Publicity, Seeking, Pillock. The Earl later unsuccessfully sued Mostyn.<ref>{{cite web|url=<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2010/jul/25/nicholas-mostyn-piggies-princess-diana>|title=And these little piggies ... were named after a high court judge|author=Maev Kennedy|work=The Guardian|date=25 July 2010|access-date=19 December 2010}}</ref>

+\*'''Katrin Radmacher v Nicolas Granatino:''' Mostyn represented Nicolas Granatino against millionairess, Katrin Radmacher. Mrs Radmacher was represented by Richard Todd QC. Mrs Radmacher was successful in effecting a change in the common law so that pre-nups were no longer void for public policy reasons.

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+===As judge===

+\* '''Re AA: '''Mostyn presided as judge and authorised an NHS Trust to deliver a child by emergency caesarian section, as the mother was judged to have lacked capacity to have consented to the operation herself. The mother was an Italian citizen who was visiting the UK; during her visit she suffered a severe psychological episode. The child was later the subject of a care application by Essex County Council.<ref>{{cite web|url=https://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/christopherbooker/10485281/Operate-on-this-mother-so-that-we-can-take-her-baby.html|archive-url=https://web.archive.org/web/20131201042924/http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/christopherbooker/10485281/Operate-on-this-mother-so-that-we-can-take-her-baby.html|url-status=dead|archive-date=1 December 2013|title=Operate on this mother so that we can take her baby|author=Christopher Booker|publisher=The Telegraph|date=30 November 2013|access-date=1 December 2013}}</ref><ref>{{cite web|url=http://www.judiciary.gov.uk/Resources/JCO/Documents/Judgments/re-aa-approved-judgment.pdf|title=Judgment (released on 4 December 2013)|publisher=Royal Courts of Justice|date=23 August 2012|access-date=4 December 2013|url-status=dead|archive-url=https://web.archive.org/web/20140429004435/http://www.judiciary.gov.uk/Resources/JCO/Documents/Judgments/re-aa-approved-judgment.pdf|archive-date=29 April 2014|df=dmy-all}}</ref>

+\* '''RF v Secretary of State for Work And Pensions [2017] EWHC 3375 (Admin) (21 December 2017): '''Mostyn ruled that the DWP had been engaging in practices that were ""blatantly discriminatory against those with mental health impairments and which cannot be objectively justified. The wish to save nearly £1 billion a year at the expense of those with mental health impairments is not a reasonable foundation for passing this measure."" Ministers had earlier rewritten the law in order to be able to ignore the outcome of a tribunal that resulted in similar conclusions. The DWP decided not to appeal after Mr Justice Mostyn's ruling.<ref>{{cite web|url=https://www.mind.org.uk/news-campaigns/news/pip-ruling-a-victory-for-people-with-mental-health-problems-says-mind/#.WnGRgdRpH3A|title=PIP ruling a 'victory for people with mental health problems', says Mind|author=Mind staff|publisher=Mind|date=21 December 2017|access-date=31 January 2018}}</ref><ref>{{cite web|url=https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/tory-government-reconsider-16million-disability-11934556.ampA|title=Tory government will reconsider 1.6 MILLION people's disability benefits after offering higher payments in huge U-turn|author=Dan Bloom|publisher=The Mirror|date=29 January 2018|access-date=31 January 2018}}</ref><ref>{{cite web|url=http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2017/3375.html|title=Judgment Case No: C0/2496/2017|publisher=Royal Courts of Justice|date=21 December 2017|access-date=31 January 2018}}</ref>



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==Career==

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-\* '''RF v Secretary of State for Work And Pensions [2017] EWHC 3375 (Admin) (21 December 2017): ''' Mostyn ruled that the DWP had been engaging in practices that were ""blatantly discriminatory against those with mental health impairments and which cannot be objectively justified. The wish to save nearly £1 billion a year at the expense of those with mental health impairments is not a reasonable foundation for passing this measure."" Ministers had earlier rewritten the law in order to be able to ignore the outcome of a tribunal that resulted in similar conclusions. The DWP decided not to appeal after Justice Mostyn's ruling.<ref>{{cite web|url=https://www.mind.org.uk/news-campaigns/news/pip-ruling-a-victory-for-people-with-mental-health-problems-says-mind/#.WnGRgdRpH3A|title=PIP ruling a 'victory for people with mental health problems', says Mind|

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==Early life==

The son of a [[North Wales|North Walian]] [[British American Tobacco]] executive, Mostyn was born in [[Nigeria]], and grew up there and in [[Venezuela]] and [[El Salvador]]. After his parents divorced, he was educated at [[Ampleforth College]] alongside friend [[Edward Stourton (journalist)|Edward Stourton]] (also the Nigerian

born son of a BAT executive, and later [[BBC]] journalist), where the pair won the [[Observer Mace]] [[debating]] prize.<ref name=GuardianBarber/> He then studied law at the [[University of Bristol]].<ref name=Times3758934/>

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Serving his pupillage at [[Middle Temple]], he was called to the bar in 1980, and initially served on [[domestic violence]] cases in [[Edmonton, London|Edmonton]] [[County Court]]; he [[took silk]] in 1997. In 2000/1 he was on the losing side of the husband farmer in the key [[White v White 2001|White v White]] case, where the judge ruled that ""there should be no bias in favour of the money-earner and against the home-maker and the child-carer.""<ref name=GuardianBarber/>

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\*'''Karen v. [[Ray Parlour]]:''' won more than £4m in 2004 in a divorce against the settlement former [[Arsenal F.C.]] footballer, where it was ruled that Karen's efforts to curb Parlour's addiction to the 'laddish' footballer drinking culture meant she had played an important role in his career. Mostyn won her a £250,000 lump sum, an annual personal maintenance allowance of £406,500, two tax-free homes, £37,000 maintenance for their three children, and 37.5% of his future earnings.<ref name=GuardianBarber/>

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\*'''Sandra v. [[Martin Sorrell|Sir Martin Sorrell]]:''' won the ex-wife of the CEO of advertising group [[WPP plc|WPP]], a 40:60 share of marital in 2005, a sum of £29m after being ""marginalised and dehumanised"" by her husband during their 32-year marriage. The payout included a £23.4m lump sum, £2m in bank deposits, the family's £3.25m home, and two parking spaces valued at £200,000.<ref name=GuardianBarber/>

\*'''Shan v. Harry Lambert:''' in 2001, won £7.5M for the ex-wife of the newspaper proprietor. Harry Lambert who was represented by Martin Pointer QC. In 2002 after an appeal by Harry, the figure was increased by £2.6m, half Lambert's £20m fortune. Lambert described his ex-wife's contribution to their 23-year marriage as ""revolving around children and the microwave,"" the judge quoted White v White back to him.<ref name=GuardianBarber/>

\*'''Zeta v. Francois Graff:''' won the model, socialite and actress £10m on divorcing diamond heir Francois in 2003. The settlement included a London property and a jewellery collection, from a family worth more than £100m. Mostyn described the settlement as a ""crushing victory.""<ref name=GuardianBarber/>

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## ==Early life==

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## ==Career==

Serving his pupillage at [[Middle Temple]], he was called to the bar in 1980, and initially served on [[domestic violence]] cases in [[Edmonton, London|Edmonton]] [[County Court]]; he [[took silk]] in 1997. In 2000/1 he was on the losing side of the husband farmer in the key [[White v White 2001|White v White]] case, where the judge ruled that ""there should be no bias in favour of the money-earner and against the home-maker and the child-carer.""<ref name=GuardianBarber/>

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Serving his pupillage at `[[Middle Temple]]`, he was called to the bar in 1980, and initially served on `[[domestic violence]]` cases in `[[Edmonton, London|Edmonton]]` `[[County Court]]`; he `[[took silk]]` in 1997. In 2000/1 he was on the losing side of the husband farmer in the key `[[White v White 2001|White v White]]` case, where the judge

ruled that ""there should be no bias in favour of the money-earner and against the home-maker and the child-carer.""<ref name=GuardianBarber/>

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