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# ==Early life and education==

-McFarlane was brought up in [[Solihull]], [[West Midlands (county)] West Midlands]], before moving to [[Crosby, Merseyside]].<ref</pre> name="":0"">{{Cite web|title=The family justice man: Sir Andrew McFarlane P|url=https://www.counselmagazine.co.uk/articles/thefamily-justice-man-sir-andrew-mcfarlane-placess-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=%23222221title = 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-revuereunion-2018 |website=Dunelm |accessdate=3 August 2019}}</ref>

+Russell was born in 1958 in [[Harrogate]] to a [[Scottish people| Scottish]] family. She was educated at [[Wellington School, Ayr]] and the [[London South Bank University|Polytechnic of the South Bank]].<ref>'RUSSELL, Alison Hunter', Who's Who 2014, A & C Black, an imprint of Bloomsbury Publishing plc, 2014</ref><ref>{{cite book}| title=Whitaker's Shorts 2016: Law and Order|year=2015| publisher=Bloomsbury Publishing|isbn=9781472921994|url=https://books.google.com/books?id=c3c8CwAAQBAJ}}</re>

-McFarlane was [[called to the bar]] at [[Gray's Inn]] in 1977 and has been a [[Bencher]] 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]].

#### +==Career==

+Russell was called to the bar at [[Gray's Inn]] in 1983. She was appointed a [[recorder (judge)|recorder]] in 2004.<ref>{{cite web| url=http://www.familylawweek.co.uk/site.aspx?i=ed123240|title=Alison Russell QC appointed to the High Court Bench|publisher=Family Law Week|date=19 December 2013}}</re>

-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-mcfarlanepresident-of-the-family-division-and-chair-of-the-family-justicecouncil/|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}}</re>

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+Russell was made a [[Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire]] in February 2014. She is a member of the [[Family Justice Council]].<ref name=bowcott/>

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+In April 2017, the [[Court of Appeal (England and Wales)|Court of Appeal]] held that Russell had committed a series of ""gross and obvious"" irregularities in the way in which she had dealt with alleged contempt of court in a case about the alleged abduction of a child. Russell had imprisoned the father of the child for 18 months, holding that he had been in breach of an order which she had not in fact made, and did not have power to make. In doing so, she had made various serious procedural errors. The Court of Appeal awarded damages for wrongful imprisonment against the [[Lord Chancellor]] under the Human Rights Act 1998.ref>{{cite BAILII | litigants = LL v. The Lord Chancellor | court=EWCA | division=Civ | year=2017 | num=237 | parallelcite=[2017] 4 WLR 162 | date=10 April 2017 | courtname=[[Court of Appeal (England and Wales)|Court of Appeal]] | juris=England and Wales}}

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## +==Personal life==

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