

NOMINATION FOR CALC PRESIDENT



Dylan Hughes (First Legislative Counsel, Cymru/Wales)

Nominated by Jessica De Mounteney

(First Parliamentary Counsel, UK)

Seconded by Andy Beattie

(Former CALC President, Chief Parliamentary Counsel, Scotland)

I am honoured to be considered for election to succeed Dr. Johnson Okello as President.

CALC, more than anything else, is a community of individuals committed to the rule of law and international co-operation. It is an organisation that is needed now more than ever.

I have been a member for 15 years and have had the privilege of attending the conferences held in Scotland, Zambia and Jamaica. I was also hugely proud when we in Wales welcomed members from all over the world to our Europe region conference in 2023, the first CALC event held in person after the pandemic.

As head of CALC's newest legislative drafting office, my involvement in establishing and developing the office has helped me understand the challenges smaller offices face. Although we have had invaluable support from colleagues within the UK, help from experts we have met through CALC has also been vital - especially in relation to working bilingually. And now, nearly 20 years on, we ourselves are innovating through the development of Codes of Welsh law and making our legislation more accessible.

I have been First Legislative Counsel since 2011 and spend a considerable proportion of my time drafting Bills. Between 1999 and 2011, I had extensive experience of drafting subordinate legislation and spent a period advising the parliamentary committee responsible for scrutinising Welsh Statutory Instruments. I also worked on secondment in Brussels, where I drafted decisions of the European Commission. My first language is Welsh and I can speak reasonable French and limited Portuguese.

My focus, if elected, would be to work with the Council to—

- promote the importance of clear and accessible legislation for the rule of law, and
- encourage greater collaboration in the development and use of emerging technologies, including AI.

(Oh, and singing at conferences would be compulsory).



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