

# GMB backs 'discriminatory' judicial appointments probe



**Surely it's in all our interests for judges to administer justice without fear of bullying, asks GMB Union?**

GMB, the union for judges, is backing calls for the equalities watchdog to investigate a 'discriminatory, unfair and unlawful' judicial appointment system.

The union, part of the Judicial Support Network (JSN), [wrote to the Lord Chief Justice in March saying judges are workers and should be allowed to join a union to protect themselves from discrimination.](#)

The JSN has today sent a request to the Equality and Human Rights Commission to expose "serious, serial and systemic" failings in the system to appoint and promote judges.



“ Judges are calling for the equalities watchdog to investigate a “discriminatory, unfair and unlawful” judicial appointment system amid widespread claims of bullying and racism, in [@thetimes](https://t.co/SG61gdaLiu) <https://t.co/SG61gdaLiu>

— Catherine Baksi (@legalthackette) May 20, 2021

GMB has a growing membership among the judiciary and has recently set up a Judges’ branch of the union.

**Stuart Fegan, GMB Senior Organiser, said:**

“Judges have the same rights as everyone else not to be discriminated against or threatened just for doing their job.

“Some of the stories we hear are shocking – surely it’s in all our interests to make sure judges are allowed to administer justice without fear of bullying.

“GMB today backs the calls of the Judicial Support Network for a full investigation into the judicial appointment system.”

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