

Dear Circuit,

Two and a half years ago, when I became Leader, I barely knew the man who has, since then, become one of the dearest friends I have. In a profession of big personalities and, occasionally, oversized egos, to find someone who is as modest as he is talented is a blessing. There have been many who have helped me and, thus, Circuit these past couple of years. Few have done more than Ian. What he has given is friendship, support and quiet wisdom - much of which I have passed on to you all, benefitting as I have from his judgment and his fairness. Qualities which will make him an excellent judge and which, of course, made him one of the go-to silks on Circuit. Cherished in Liverpool, loved by Circuit, respected by all. I hope the Bench realise just how lucky they are to have you, Ian. We will celebrate your success at Mess in the Autumn - Liverpool, Preston or both. Meanwhile, from me and from all your friends on Circuit, we send love, respect and congratulations. Thank you, Ian.

Lisa x

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Leader of the Northern Circuit