



Chief Justice or husband must resign

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"All the four Judges of the Court were on the bench. Wright... had been raised to this high place over the heads of many abler and learned men solely



Newly appointed Chief Justice Shirani Bandaranayake poses with her husband Pradeep Kariyawasam and President Rajapakse immediately after the oath taking ceremony on 18 May 2011.

on account of his unscrupulous servility. Allibone was a Papist, and owed his situation to that dispensing power, the legality of which was now in question. Holloway had hitherto been a serviceable tool of the government. Even Powell, whose character for honesty stood high, had borne a part in some proceedings which it is impossible to defend... The government had required from its law officers services so odious and disgraceful that all the ablest jurists and advocates of the Tory party had, one after the other, refused to comply, and had been dismissed from their employments." - Lord Macaulay, from The History of England: The King's Bench in 1688 under James II. at the trial of the Seven Bishops.

Dr. Shirani Bandaranayake was sworn in as the new Chief Justice of Sri Lanka on 18 May 2011. While some remained silent most local media outlets published news items and features supporting her appointment. Certainly none were willing to do their jobs as journalists. I phoned a

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