

# **A View from the Bench**

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**Summary:** This article contains the full speech of the Presiding Magistrate for Northern Ireland, Fiona Bagnall, as delivered to the Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) Centenary Conference on 13 March 2008, with comments from the author in relation to the various themes addressed.

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