

Appointment of Dasho Tashi Chhozom to the Supreme Court of Bhutan



His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo appointed Justice Tashi Chhozom of the High Court as Justice of the Supreme Court vide Royal Kasho dated 3rd August 2012 corresponding to the 16th Day of the 6th Month of the Water Male Dragon Year. With her appointment the number of Justices to the Supreme Court as enshrined in the Constitution is complete.

Article 21 Section 5 of the Constitution provides that *“the Dranpons of the Supreme Court shall be appointed from among the Drangpons of the High Court or from among eminent jurists by the Druk Gyalpo by warrant under His hand and seal in consultation with the National Judicial Commission.”*

The term of office of Justices of the Supreme Court is ten years, or until attaining the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier.

Justice Tashi Chhozom 42 is the first woman to be elevated to the Supreme Court. She is a Humphrey alumna (USA) and has a master of law from Australia. She was administered the oath of office and secrecy on the 12th of September 2012 in the Supreme Court. Justice Tashi Chhozom is married and has two sons.