**Biography of Stephen Herron LLB**

**Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.**

* Studied law at Queen’s University Belfast and subsequently qualified as a solicitor in 1997
* Joined the PPS in 2002, working in key Departments across the Service including Fraud and Departmental and Central Casework.
* Became Senior Assistant Director in 2013, taking the lead on a number of criminal justice reform initiatives and overall responsibility for the prosecution of 50,000 cases annually.
* Played a lead role in the Transformation programme for the PPS which has involved the roll-out of digital programme across courts; creation of specialist prosecutors for murder and serious offences; the streamlining of regional services and redesigning the supports provided to victims and witnesses.
* He was appointed as T/Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in May 2017.
* Took up post as Director of Public Prosecutions in January 2018