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## PREMIER LEAGUE STATEMENT

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The Premier League today announced the appointment of the three man Independent Commission to hear the charges that West Ham United are in breach of Premier League Rules U.18 and B.13 in relation to the registration of Carlos Tevez and Javier Mascherano.

The case will be heard by Simon Bourne-Arton Q.C. (Chair), Lord Herman Ouseley and David Dent.

At an earlier directions meeting Simon Bourne-Arton Q.C. scheduled the hearing to take place over the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of April.

For further information please contact the Premier League Press Office on 020 7864 9190 or visit [www.premierleague.com](http://www.premierleague.com)

### Notes to Editors:

#### Independent Commission Biographies:

**Simon Bourne-Arton QC:** LL B Leeds; 1975 Called Inner Temple; 1988 Assistant Recorder; 1993 Recorder; 1994 Queens Counsel; 2003 Bencher of Inner Temple; 2006 Leader of the North Eastern Circuit

#### Fields of Practice

**Crime:** extensive experience in all areas of criminal law, and in particular: **White collar fraud:** defended in a significant number of prosecutions brought by the SFO. **Homicide:** defended in cases of homicidal joint enterprise. **Drugs:** defended in a number of cases involving large-scale importation. **Sexual Offences:** defended in historic sexual abuse cases and paedophile ring conspiracies.

#### Additional Information

Listed in every edition of Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession as a Leader at the Bar recommended in crime, specialising in commercial fraud.

**Lord Herman Ouseley:** as well as being Chair of Let's Kick Racism Out of Football since its inception, is Chairman of Different Realities Partnership Ltd, a consultancy specialising in equality, diversity and people management strategies. He was previously Executive Chairman of the Commission For Racial Equality from 1993-2000. Before that he was a local government Officer for 30 years, serving as Chief Executive of the London Borough of Lambeth as well as the former Inner London Education Authority, alongside a range of other positions with different local authorities during that period.

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**David Dent:** started his career as Secretary to Carlisle United in 1960 before moving in a similar capacity to Coventry City in 1978, David joined The Football League as Deputy Secretary in 1984. When he retired in 2001 he had served as Secretary of The Football League for the previous thirteen years.

David joined the Football Trust in 1990 and has been Chairman of the Safety and Improvement Panel of the Football Stadia Improvement Fund since its inception in 2000.

## **Premier League Rules:**

**U.18:** *"No Club shall enter into a contract which enables any other party to that contract to acquire the ability materially to influence its policies or the performance of its teams in League Matches or in any of the competitions set out in Rule E.10."*

**B.13:** *"In all matters and transactions relating to the League each Club shall behave towards each other Club and the League with the utmost good faith."*

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