

Judges 'neither punchbags nor puppets' says GMB Congress



GMB's National Congress, taking place in Blackpool this week, today agreed a motion condemning criticism of judges and their decisions.

Congress resolved to campaign against the harassment of judges, which can result in threats to not just the judges but also their families.

The motion entitled 'Judges – neither punchbags nor puppets' passed unanimously.

Gerry Hackett, GMB Congress Delegate told Congress:

"Judges are entrusted with a simple but profound responsibility: to uphold the law."



“And yet, in recent years, we have seen something deeply troubling – judges are becoming targets of politicians, commentators and members of the public who believe judges are fair game for abuse.

“We have reached the point where the Lady Chief Justice herself felt compelled to speak out, which should set alarm bells ringing for all of us.

“Judges deserve to do their job free from intimidation, free from harassment and free from political interference.”

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