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Victims Commissioners

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Challenge to Victims Commissioners fails

The daughter of IRA murder victims has lost her appeal against being refused permission to have Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness cross-examined about the appointment of four victims commissioners in Northern Ireland.

Michelle Williamson`s lawyers wanted the former First Minister and current Deputy First Minister subpoenaed to attend court and face questioning as part of her ongoing judicial review case.

Mrs Williamson, whose parents were killed in the 1993 bomb attack on Belfast`s Shankill Road, is seeking to have the commissioner appointments quashed amid claims there was no legal authority to bring four people into the role.

She also alleges that Mr Paisley and Mr McGuinness based their decision on religious belief or political opinion rather than merit.

Following the refusal of Mrs Williamson`s subpoena application in August, her lawyers went before the Court of Appeal in a bid to have the ruling overturned.

It was claimed the appointment process was cloaked in secrecy, with no notes or records kept of assessments of candidates before it was announced to the Stormont Assembly in January that four commissioners had been identified.

But a three-judge panel dismissed her appeal because it was not clearly shown what material Mr Paisley and Mr McGuinness would be cross-examined on.

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