

## **The effects of a deed of deposition**

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### **IN THE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL OF THE CHURCH IN WALES AND IN THE MATTER OF A REFERRAL IN RESPECT OF RIGHT REVEREND ANTHONY EDWARD PIERCE**

“**[22]** ...Section 42 (3) of Chapter IX of the Constitution state that the effects of a deed of deposition are the same as a deed of relinquishment. Such effects are set out in the Canon to amend the Canon Law Relating to Clerical Disabilities dated 19 April 1990. The effects include:

(a) he or she shall be incapable of officiating or acting in any manner as a cleric of the Church in Wales, and of taking or holding any preferment therein, and shall cease to enjoy all rights, privileges, advantages, and exemptions attached to the office of cleric in the Church in Wales;

(b) every licence, office, and place held by him or her for which it is by law an indispensable qualification that the holder thereof should be a cleric of the Church in Wales shall be ipso facto determined and void;

**23.** In essence, the individual is returned to the status of a lay person in the eyes of the Church in Wales with effect from the date of the deposition. A deposition does not call into question the validity and lawfulness of Episcopal actions previously undertaken by a deposed Bishop (such as Confirmations and Ordinations).