

Keith Townend was appointed in 1983 at Keighley and Bingley Magistrates' Court, initially as a member of the Admin, thereafter Court Assistant and Trainee Court Clerk. He completed the Diploma in Magisterial Law by 1988.

From 1988 to 1992 Keith was at Easington Magistrates' Court in County Durham, as court clerk, during which time he completed the CPE and Law Society Finals.

From 1992 to the present he has been at Liverpool Magistrates' Court. Initially, as Senior Court Clerk, then Principle Court Clerk with responsibility for Civil Team, covering Family and Licensing. Since October 2000 Keith has been Head of Legal Services (one of four in Merseyside responsible to the County Justices' Clerk)

Keith is married with two children aged 10 and 8 years.