

Rt Hon. the Lord Judge

Lord Judge was born on 19 May 1941 in Malta, where he was educated until 1954.

Thereafter he attended the Oratory School, Woodcote until 1959 where he was captain of the school and captain of cricket, a continuing source of interest. He was awarded an Exhibition to Magdalene College Cambridge in 1959, where he read history and law. While at Cambridge he joined the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple and was subsequently called to the Bar in 1963.

Appointed a Recorder of the Crown Court in 1976, Lord Judge was appointed Queen's Counsel (QC) in 1979. He served on the Professional Conduct Committee of the Bar between 1980 and 1986 and the Judicial Studies Board from 1984 to 1988. In 1987 he was elected Leader of the Midland and Oxford Circuit and a Bencher of the Middle Temple.

In 1988 Lord Judge was appointed a High Court Judge, Queen's Bench Division and knighted. From 1990 until 1993, and again between 1996 and 1998, he was Chairman of the Criminal Committee of the Judicial Studies Board. Between 1993 and 1996 he was Presiding Judge of the Midland and Oxford Circuit. In 1996 he was appointed Lord Justice of Appeal and sworn in as a Privy Councillor.

From 1998 until 2003 Lord Judge was Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales, and from 2003 to 2005, Deputy Chief Justice. In 2005 he was appointed as the first President of the Queen's Bench Division.

On 1 October 2008 Lord Judge was appointed Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales and Head of the Judiciary of England and Wales. Shortly afterwards he was created a life peer. He retired as Lord Chief Justice in September 2013.

Lord Judge was Treasurer of the Middle Temple for 2014. Since 2015 he has been Chief Surveillance Commissioner.

Lord Judge was President of the Selden Society between 2006 and 2013. He has been awarded honorary degrees by several Universities. These include an honorary Doctorate of Law at Cambridge University where he is an honorary Fellow of Magdalene College. He has recently been appointed as Commissary of the University of Cambridge. He is also an honorary Doctor of Laws at Kings College London, where, since 2013, he has been Dickson Poon Distinguished Fellow and Visiting Professor.

With Anthony Arlidge QC Lord Judge co-authored *Magna Carta Uncovered*, published in 2014, and in 2015 a collection of his lectures and speeches was published in *The Safest Shield*.