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The late Sir Gavin Lightman

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Practice Overview

After obtaining a LL.B (First Class Honours) at University College London and a LL.M at the University of Michigan, he was called to the Bar in 1964. In 1980 he was appointed a Queen's Counsel.

As a barrister, he had a wide and extensive litigation practice within the UK both at trial and appellate courts (including the House of Lords and Privy Council) and abroad (in particular in Singapore, Hong Kong, Bermuda, the West Indies, the Cayman Islands and Gibraltar). His practice extended from equity and trusts to commercial and administrative law.

As a judge, he has given a number of leading judgments on important topics in the fields of private law in particular, trust and commercial law, of public law, revenue law and insolvency.

Areas of Expertise

Appointments

1987: Elected Bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

1994: Appointed Judge of the High Court (Chancery Division). Retired January 2008

1996: Designated in addition Judge of the Administrative Court.

1997: Appointed a Judge of the Restrictive Practice Court and (on its abolition) of its replacement the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

2002: Elected Fellow of University College London.

2007: Obtained accreditation by CEDR as a Mediator.

2007: Elected Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn for the period 2008-2009.

2008: Resumed practice at Serle Court.

2009: Elected President of GEMME (Association of European Judges Committed to Mediation).

Memberships

The International Insolvency Institute

The Chartered Institute of Arbitration

The Academy of Experts

Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists

The Arbitration Club: Oil & Gas Branch

GEMME
