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Stephen Hockman QC—Treasurer 2015

Stephen Hockman QC, Treasurer for 2015, has been in practice at the Bar for some forty years. He specialises in regulatory law, particularly in the environmental and health and safety fields. He was the Chairman of the Bar of England and Wales in 2006. He is married to Liz, a museum curator, and his main home is in Peterborough.



The Rt Hon Dame Elish Angiolini DBE QC

Dame Elish Angiolini is a Scottish Lawyer. She was the Lord Advocate of Scotland from 2006 to 2011, having previously been Solicitor General since 2001. She was the first woman, the first Procurator and the first solicitor to hold the either post. Since 2012, Dame Angiolini has been the Principal of St. Hugh's College Oxford. She has conducted a number of important enquiries including chairing the Commission on Women Offenders which reported in March 2013 and the Mortonhall Enquiry which reported in March 2014. She was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2011. She became an Honorary Bencher of Middle Temple in October 2012, and she was presented with Outstanding Women of Scotland in March 2015.



His Honour Judge Phillip Bartle QC

Called to the Bar at Middle Temple in 1976, Philip was appointed Silk in 2004. He worked for over 30 years at the Bar (specialising in professional negligence) before being appointed a Circuit Judge in July 2012 to try serious crime. He is an experienced commercial mediator. He was a member of the Bar Standards Board. He has been an advocacy trainer for many years and was director of the S.E.Circuit's annual Advanced Advocacy Course at Keble College, Oxford from 2011-2014. He is a Bencher of the Inn.





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Alan Bates

Alan is a barrister (called 2003) at Monckton Chambers in London specialising in competition, administrative and public procurement law. His experience prior to practising at the Bar included carrying out legal research at the Law Commission of England & Wales, teaching Law at King's College London, and serving as judicial assistant to the then Senior Law Lord (the late Lord Bingham).



Tim Becker

Tim originally trained as a Opera singer at both the New South Wales Conservatorium of Music in Sydney and the Guildhall School of Music in London before being called to the Bar in 1992. He continues to sing professionally whenever possible. Based in London Chambers Tim specialises in a variety of work predominantly in the Commercial Chancery field. He has a particular interest in company and insolvency related disputes and matrimonial finance cases with company or insolvency elements. Following rule changes in 2004 Tim established himself as one of the leaders of the Bar offering services directly to the public. He is Vice Chairman of the Public Access Bar. He currently sits on the Qualifications Committee of the BSB. Within Middle Temple he is the longest serving member of the Middle Temple Hall Committee having first been elected in 1998 during that time he has sat on many of the Inns committees. He judges student moots and teaches advocacy. For almost 25 years he wrote and performed for the Inns Christmas extravaganza, the Revels.



Michael Bowsher QC

Michael Bowsher QC was Called to the Bar in 1985. He work in Brussels for a number of years before returning to the Bar in London and became a Bencher of the Inn in 2014. He is a tenant at Monckton Chambers where he has a practice based around EU, competition and commercial law. He is visiting lecturer in EU public procurement law at King's College London and is involved in procurement matters in the UK, Europe and under various other international regimes. He also has a busy practice as an arbitrator. He is called to the Bar of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and has an extensive practice in both jurisdictions. He is a Bencher of the Inn.





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The Rt Honourable Lord Justice Christopher Clarke

Sir Christopher Clarke was called to the Bar in Middle Temple in 1969. He was appointed as a QC in 1984. From 1990-2004 he was a Recorder and a Deputy High Court Judge from 1993-2004. He was a Judge of the Court of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey from 1998 to 2004. From 2005- 2013, he was a High Court Judge, sitting in the Commercial Court. He was appointed as a Lord Justice of Appeal in 2013. He is Deputy Treasurer of Middle Temple.



Paul Darling OBE QC

Paul received a BA in Jurisprudence from St Edmund Hall, Oxford. He was called to the Bar at Middle Temple in 1983 and joined Keating Chambers in 1985 where he has built up his specialist practice in construction, receiving Silk in 1999. He was elected a Bencher of Middle Temple in 2004 and has been Head of Keating Chambers since 2010. He was Chairman of the Middle Temple Estates Committee between 2010 and 2014. Previously he has been Chairman of the TECBAR (2003 - 2007), Trustee of the FRU (2004) and Chairman of the Bar Council Access to the Bar Committee (2007 -2009). Paul's sporting passions are horseracing and football. He was a non-executive member of the TOTE Board from 2006 to 2008 and was a government appointed member of the Horserace Betting Levy Board between 2008 and 2014. He was Chairman of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority between 2009 and 2015. He is one Chairman of the association of British Bookmakers. He was awarded an OBE in 2015.





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Sheilagh Davies

Sheilagh served as a member of the Hall Committee for 10 years, and as Chair from 2007-2009. She practises at the Criminal Bar and is a member of its association, maintaining a diversified practice at the highest level, both prosecuting and defending. She is actively involved in the South Eastern Circuit and served on its general purposes and executive committees. She is a Middle Temple Advocacy Trainer and is an active participant in the advocacy courses and the Inn's trips to other jurisdictions. Sheilagh has participated in the International Symposium on Economic Crime run by Professor Rider at Jesus College Cambridge. She has lectured on Money Laundering to an international audience of delegates including high ranking officers from the Hong Kong Police and has written articles for the Journal. She has hosted fundraising events at the Inn for Grange Park Opera and Garsington Opera. She is a Bencher of the Inn.



David Elvin QC

David Elvin QC attended A J Dawson Grammar School in County Durham and Hertford College, Oxford (BA 1981; BCL 1982), was called to the Bar in 1983 and took silk in 2000 and is called to the Bar of Northern Ireland. He is member of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland. David specialises in planning, environmental and public law (including most aspects of local government, highways, compulsory purchase & compensation) as well as property related matters and the human rights and European Union law aspects of those areas of practice. In 2001 he was appointed a Recorder, in 2008 a Deputy High Court Judge (sitting in the QB, the Administrative and Planning Courts) and in 2015 a judge of the Upper Tribunal (IAC). David is one of the general editors of the Encyclopaedia of Planning Law and Practice and co-author of "Unlawful Interference with Land". Since 2009 he has been one of the Boundary Commissioners for England. Outside of the law, David is the Chairman of the Millennium Trust of St Pauls' Church Covent Garden (the Actor's Church), a member of the Choir of St Paul's Church Covent Garden, a member of the Advisory Council of the RSCM and is restoring a listed farmhouse and barn on the North Downs in Kent. He is a Bencher of the Inn.





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Judith Farbey QC

Judith specialises in public and administrative law. Her work includes judicial review, civil claims involving public bodies and advisory work for clients seeking to avoid litigation. She undertakes cases raising European and international human rights law. Her specialist immigration practice includes all aspects of Tier 2 and Tier 4 of the Points Based System for individual and corporate clients. Her nationality law practice extends to prisoners abroad on death row. The author of numerous journal articles on immigration law, she is the co-author of the third edition of The Law of Habeas Corpus (OUP, 2011). She was an Assistant Boundary Commissioner in the last review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries and has recently been appointed as a Deputy Judge of the Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals Chamber). In 2016, she will take up her appointment to the Bar Standards Board. She is a Bencher of the Inn and a member of its Education & Training Committee.



Laura Feldman

Laura is a Senior Associate and Barrister in the London and Hong Kong Offices of Eversheds. She has extensive experience of international arbitration and litigation and regulatory matters. Her practice focuses on banking and financial services litigation and investigations and regulatory enforcement work. Laura also has experience of energy and M & A disputes, professional liability matters and cases involving complex offshore trust arrangements. Laura has authored many articles and books on a range of legal issues and presented at conferences and seminars.





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Sir Edward Garnier QC MP

The Rt Hon Sir Edward Garnier QC MP has been the Conservative MP for Harborough since April 1992. He was Called to the Bar in 1976 and to the Northern Ireland Bar in 2010. He took Silk in 1995, was appointed Crown Court Recorder in 1998, a Bencher of the Middle Temple in 2001; a Bencher of the Northern Ireland Inn of Court in 2010. He practises as a defamation and media law specialist from 1 Brick Court, Temple. He was Visiting Parliamentary Fellow, St Antony's College, Oxford from 1996-97; a Member of the House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee 1992-1994; Parliamentary Private Secretary at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to the Attorney General and Solicitor General, and to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 1994-97. Edward was Shadow Minister, Lord Chancellor's Department from 1997-99; Shadow Attorney General 1999-2001; Shadow Home Affairs Minister 2005-07; Shadow Justice Minister 2007-09; Shadow Attorney General 2009-10; and HM Solicitor General 2010-12. Sir Edward was knighted in 2012 and became a Privy Counsellor in 2015.



John Griffiths SC CMG QC

John Calvert Griffiths CMG,QC,SC. Educated at St Peter's School, York, school founded 627AD, alma mater of Guy Fawkes inter alia and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, reading Economics and then Law. Called by Middle Temple 1956, Bencher 1973. In Hong Kong, prosecuted the Ma brothers, heroin importers supplying California and most of Western USA. Appointed Attorney General of Hong Kong 1979 to 1983 and ex officio member of Legislative and Executive Councils and Chairman of the Law Reform Commission. Thereafter in private practice in HK and UK until retirement in 2012. Lives in Wales on the banks of the River Wye. Hobbies, Fishing, Reading and Grandchildren. He is a Bencher of the Inn.





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Ann Hussey QC

Ann took Silk in 2009. Her practice involves big money ancillary relief cases where she is instructed both by husbands, wives and also offshore asset holding entities. Her practice is based in the High Court in London and the Principal Registry and also in Yorkshire where she has a particular following who commend her astute, no nonsense approach. She deals not only with commercial high net worth families but also has a particular interest in, and understanding of, farming cases. Ann has lectured extensively on ancillary relief and has been commended for her enthusiastic and innovative approach to training. She is a Bencher of the Inn.



The Rt Honourable Lord Justice Rupert Jackson

He was called to the Bar (Middle Temple) in 1972. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1987. He was co-author and general editor of Jackson and Powell on Professional Negligence from 1982 to 1999. Since then he has been consultant editor. He has been an editor of the White Book since 2000 and editor-in-chief since 2010. In 1999 he was appointed as a High Court Judge in the Queen's Bench Division. He was the Judge in Charge of the Technology and Construction Court (TCC) between 2004 and 2007. In January 2009 he was asked by the Master of the Rolls to undertake a comprehensive review of civil litigation costs. He produced a Preliminary Report in May 2009. The Final Report was published in January 2010. Most of the recommendations were implemented in 2013. He was appointed as a Lord Justice of Appeal in 2008. He is a Bencher of the Inn.



The Hon Daniel Janner QC

At Cambridge Daniel Janner was elected President of the Union and read law. He was a Jules Thorn Scholar and was pupil to Mr Justice Burton in Master Sherrard's Chambers where he was a tenant for the first eight years of his practice until he joined his present chambers at 23 Essex Street. Since 1994 he has been an editor of the Criminal Appeal Reports and has served as a member of numerous Bar Council and Circuit Committees. He has been a director of research for the Society of Conservative Lawyers. In the Inn, he has been an active advocacy trainer and sponsor for many years. He is a Bencher of the Inn.





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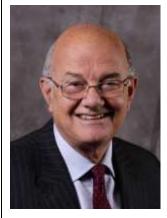
Sir Paul Jenkins KCB QC

From 2006 to 2014 Paul was Her Majesty's Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor. As the United Kingdom Government's most senior legal official and Permanent Secretary to the Attorney General he had an extensive personal practice advising senior Ministers and officials on public and constitutional law, national security matters and the interface of law, politics and propriety. He was also Head of Profession for the 2000 lawyers advising Government. He now provides consultancy and advisory services to governments and other organisations around the world with a particular emphasis on the rule of law, government relations, good governance and crisis management. He also undertakes reviews and inquiries on a wide range of sensitive issues. Paul has been a Bencher of the Middle Temple since 2002 and a member of the Executive Committee since 2007. He is a Trustee of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law and the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law.



The Rt Honourable 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 in Woodcote until 1959 where he was Captain of School and Cricket. He was awarded an Open Exhibition to Magdalene College Cambridge in 1959, where he read History and Law. While at Cambridge he entered the Hon Society of Middle Temple and was subsequently called to the Bar in 1963. Appointed a Recorder of the Crown Court in 1976, he was appointed a QC three years later in 1979. He served on the Professional Conduct Committee of the Bar between 1980 and 1986 and the Judicial Studies Board from 1984 and 1988. In 1987 he was elected Leader of the Midland & Oxford Circuit and a Bencher of the Middle Temple. In 2014 he was Treasurer of the Middle Temple. In 1988 he 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 & 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 the first President of the Queen's Bench Division. On 1 October 2008 Lord Judge was appointed Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales. Shortly afterwards he was created a life peer. He retired as Lord Chief Justice on 30 September 2013. Lord Judge has been President of the Selden Society since 2009. He has been awarded several honorary degrees, including a Doctorate of Law at Cambridge, where he is a Fellow of Magdalene College and Distinguished Associate of Darwin College. He is a Doctor of Laws at King's College London, where, since 2013, he has been a Dickson Poon Distinguished Visitor and Visiting Professor.





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Juliette Levy

Juliette is recognized in Chambers UK as a leading junior in telecommunications & chancery commercial work. She is also recognized in Legal 500 for commercial litigation, in Chambers Global for dispute resolution, and in the 2014 International Who's Who of both Telecoms & Media Lawyers and of Business Layers, and is an author on telecommunications for the PLC's intellectual property and information technology law service. Juliette's work is undertaken at first instance and appellate levels. Juliette has extensive commercial dispute resolution expertise covering complex multimillion commercial disputes which are both domestic and multi jurisdictional, including those involving fraud. One of her most recent cases involves a US\$2 billion commercial dispute arising out of a very substantial land development in Dubai. Juliette is also highly experienced in the commercial and regulatory aspects of the telecommunications industry. Juliette was instructed by Arqiva in its successful litigation against Everything Everywhere and Orange arising out of their joint venture for the creation of a single joint network, which litigation resulted in two landmark decisions. Juliette's telecommunications expertise covers all telecommunications sectors, both stakeholder and regulatory/licensing and her clients range from network operators to content providers and infrastructure, communications and media services companies.



John Litton QC

John has been in practice since 1991. He was a member of the Attorney General's A Panel of Treasury Counsel for seven years before taking Silk in 2010. John practices in the United Kingdom and in Hong Kong. In the United Kingdom he specialises in all matters relating to town and country planning, environmental law, highways, compulsory purchase & compensation, administrative law matters (including related human rights aspects). He also has experience in local authority negligence. In Hong Kong, he practices in a broad range of civil litigation matters including complex rating cases. In addition to public inquiries he frequently appears in the higher courts in England & Wales and in Hong Kong, including the Upper Tribunal and the Hong Kong Lands Tribunal.





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Guy Mansfield QC

Guy Mansfield has broad common law experience. He focuses on legal and medical professional issues. He currently leads the legal team representing the FCO in the Kenyan Emergency Group Litigation relating to events in Kenya in the 1950s. He has appeared in many reported cases. He was Chairman of the Bar Council in 2005. Prior to this he oversaw the introduction of Conditional Fee Agreements for use by barristers and then chaired the Bar Council's working party which introduced Direct Access to barristers for members of the public. He has a longstanding interest in promoting access to justice and in 2009-10 chaired the Bar Council's working party which produced proposals for a contingent legal aid fund (CLAF) in response to Sir Rupert Jackson's Costs' reforms. He was appointed a Recorder of the Crown Court in 1993 and later a deputy High Court Judge. He is currently the Bar's nominated member of the Queen's Counsel Complaints Committee. He is a Council member of JUS-TICE. He was elected a bencher of Middle Temple in 2000 and is a member of its executive committee.



Richard Miller QC

Richard Miller QC practises in the field of Intellectual Property law and is Head of Chambers at Three New Square IP. He was called to the Bar in 1976 and took silk in 1995. He was Chairman of the Intellectual Property Bar Association from 2005 to 2011 and co-Chairman of the Bar Council's European Committee (now the EU Law Committee) from 2009 to 2011. He was a member of the Working Group for reform of the Patents County Court (now the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court) and has been actively involved in the creation and development of the EU's Unified Patent Court which is expected to come into operation in 2017 with its London division being situated at Aldgate Tower. Richard has been co-editor of "Terrell on the Law of Patents" since 1995 and senior editor of that work since 2011. He was made a Bencher of Middle Temple in 2007 and has been Chairman of the Inn's Finance and Resources Committee and a member of the Inn's Executive Committee since 2012. He is a Bencher of the Inn.

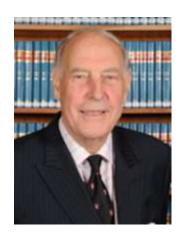




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The Hon Barry Mortimer GBS QC

Barry Mortimer was born in the United Kingdom in 1931. He obtained a BA and MA from Emmanuel College, Cambridge in 1955. He was called to the English Bar at the Middle Temple in 1956 and was a Harmsworth Law Scholar of the Middle Temple in 1957. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1971 and was elected a Bencher of the Middle Temple in 1980. He served as a Recorder of the Crown Court from 1971 to 1985. In 1985, Mr Justice Mortimer joined the Hong Kong Judiciary as a Judge of the High Court. He was appointed a Justice of Appeal in 1993. From 1997 to 1999 he served as the Vice-President of the Court of Appeal. He was a Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal from 1997 until 2015. Since 2012 he has been President of the Court of Appeal in Brunei Darussalam. He was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 1999 for services to the Hong Kong judiciary. Between 2002 and 2006 he was Director of Middle Temple Advocacy and was Master Reader for Lent 2003.



Catherine Newman QC

Catherine Newman QC practises as a commercial chancery silk from Maitland Chambers. She sits as deputy High Court Judge and as a Recorder of the Crown Court. She regularly travels abroad for cases.



Jeremy Nicholson QC

Jeremy Nicholson QC, FCIArb practises in construction, insurance, professional negligence and other commercial disputes, in the UK and overseas, from 4 Pump Court, London. He also sits as an arbitrator, and is a member of Arbitration Chambers Hong Kong. Educated at Rugby School and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, he was called in 1977 and appointed QC in 2000. He is a member of the BSB Standards Committee, and an advocacy trainer, and he has been a sponsor in the Inn for many years. His interests outside law include travelling, sailing, architecture, and theatre.





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Haylee O'Brien

Haylee was called to Middle Temple in 1984 and practices at 4 Brick Court. Her expertise encompasses an array of family law areas, evidenced by the fact that she is regularly instructed by parents in enmeshed and protracted Children Act proceedings. Haylee is also popular choice with Guardians in difficult and serious matters representing children. Such cases involve non- accidental injury including "baby shaking" cases, infant death and sexual and physical abuse. Haylee regularly appears in all tiers of court in matters of financial remedy and is frequently instructed by high net worth individuals for her client focused approach and pragmatism. She is said by solicitors to be 'robust in court,' she 'understands the clients' needs' and is 'thorough in preparation'. Haylee's interests include cooking, gardening and Oriental art.



Tim Owen QC

Tim is a founder member of Matrix Chambers and his practice spans the fields of commercial/business crime (domestic and international), regulatory and disciplinary, public, human rights and police law. He is a co-editor of "Asset Recovery: criminal confiscation and civil recovery" (OUP) and an Advisory Editor of Blackstone's Criminal Practice 2015. He sits as a Deputy High Court Judge (Administrative Court) and is an Acting Judge of the Cayman Islands Grand Court. He is a Bencher of the Inn.



Adrienne Page QC

Adrienne Page QC is a leading specialist silk whose practice covers defamation, malicious falsehood, privacy, confidence, harassment by speech and media law issues. She regularly acts for or advises both claimants and defendants and has been involved in many of the high profile cases in her field. Between 2003 and 2011 she was joint Head of Chambers at 5RB. She is a Bencher of the Inn.





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Amanda Pinto QC

Amanda is a commercial crime and regulatory specialist practising from 5 Paper Buildings, writing and lecturing on corporate crime, corruption and money laundering in the UK and abroad. She is Vice-Chairman of the International Committee of the Bar Council, the Director of International Affairs for the Criminal Bar Association and the UK's representative on the Council of the International Criminal Bar. She is committed to promoting the rule of law both at home and overseas, recently organising international campaigns to ensure victims of war crimes have access to full medical care and to secure the release of a lawyer arrested for representing an unpopular client. She is an advocacy trainer at the Inn. She is a Bencher of the Inn.



Lawrence Power

Lawrence has a solid commercial and chancery practice in London and is instructed in particular banking, computer and telecommunication and insolvency (including cross-border). He advises on regulation and compliance in 'electronic jurisprudence'. Internationally Lawrence receives instructions from China, Hong Kong, Israel, Malaysia, Vietnam and the USA. Recently, Lawrence was instructed to moderate Sanko Steamship Co. Ltd's briefing meeting for international creditors. He is currently the lead counsel in a financial conspiracy claim against the Financial Times & Guardian news group. As well as his extensive legal practice, Lawrence created chambers in April 2003 and has been Head of Chambers at 4KBW for over 12 years. He has grown a modern set and developed it with one direction to focus on maintaining its reputation for first-rate services based on first class recruitment. Called to the Bar at Middle Temple in 1995, Lawrence has always tried to support legal education, reflected in a request made to him to head up the BBC documentary "Legal Eagles" which went on to be nominated for both domestic and international awards in 2013 & 2014.



Fergus Randolph QC

Fergus has always been involved in promoting the Bar's interests in the EU. Having undertaken a stage in the Commission in the late 1980s, he has developed a specialist EU law practice and is a tenant at Brick Court. Together with Hugh Mercer QC he promoted and developed the idea of the European Circuit, the first new circuit for 300 years, in the early years of the last decade. He has been tireless in promoting the importance of EU law across the whole spectrum of legal practice. Additionally, he has been a member of the Bar European Group since being Called and sat on its committee for 10 years. Fergus is Chairman of the Law Reform Committee of the Bar Council and is a Bencher of the Inn.





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Simon Readhead QC

Called in 1979, Master Readhead began his career on the Midland and Oxford Circuit and was Junior of the Circuit from 1989-1990. Since 1990 his practice has involved clinical and other professional liability cases and public and administrative law. He took Silk in 2006. For many years Simon served on the Bar Council's Costs Panel. He was appointed an Assistant Recorder in 1995 and has been a Recorder since 2000. Simon has been an advocacy trainer for the Inn since 2004 and since 2010 has also lectured on the advocacy course. Outside the law, Simon has, in his time, worked both as a part-time mortuary technician and as a libel reader for The Sun newspaper. He is a Bencher of the Inn.



Alastair Sharp

Alastair Sharp was called to the Bar in 1968. He was appointed an Assistant Recorder in 1988, a Recorder in 1992, a Legal Assessor to the General Medical Council in 2001, a CEDR accredited Mediator in 2001 and an Immigration Adjudicator in 2003. He retired as a Tribunal Judge in 2014. He continues to sit as a Recorder in the Civil, Criminal and Private family Jurisdictions. He has returned to his old Chambers at Lamb Chambers as a Mediator. He has just completed his Master's Degree in Mediation and Conflict Resolution at Strathclyde University and regularly Mediates inter alia at the Glasgow Sheriff's Court. He was Chairman of the Middle Temple Hall Committee for a number of years and has sat on a number of the Inn's main Committees. He is a Moot Judge and was for a number of years an Advocacy Trainer. He is Chairman of the Middle Temple Burn's Night Committee. He is a Bencher of the Inn.



Nikki Singla

Nikki Singla was called to Bar in 2000 and is recognised in the directories as one of the leading juniors at the English bar in commercial and business litigation. He has a breadth of expertise covering a wide range of commercial and business disputes particularly in the fields of complex contracts, joint ventures, IP licensing agreements, media and entertainment, and professional negligence. He brings additional depth to his practice with his expertise in equity, equitable remedies including asset tracing, trusts and trusts litigation, and company and partnership law. Many of his cases have a strong international element particularly in the Caribbean, the Channel Islands and the Middle East. His recent cases include a hostile trusts dispute in Bermuda between one of the wealthiest North American families, a DIFC commercial arbitration in Dubai concerning the largest theme park in the world and a banking case in Hong Kong. He practises at Wilberforce Chambers in Lincoln's Inn and is a member of the Middle Temple Hall Committee.





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Professor Anthony Smith LLD

Professor A.T.H. (Tony) Smith has recently stepped down as Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Law Faculty at Victoria University of Wellington. He is a Professor of Law at that university, and the Arthur Goodhart Professor at Cambridge 2015-2016. He is a Barrister of the New Zealand High Court, a Barrister and Honorary Bencher of the Middle Temple and a member of the Media Law set, 5 Raymond Buildings. His books include (with Sir David Eady), Arlidge, Eady and Smith On Contempt (4th ed 2011) in the Common Law Library Series and Glanville Williams, Learning the Law (14th ed 2013), and with A.P. Simester ed, Harm and Culpability (1996). A New Zealander by origin (LL.M., 1st, Canterbury 1972), he has spent much of his academic career in England, latterly at Cambridge, from which university he holds the LL.D. degree, where he was the Professor of Criminal and Public Laws and Chairman of the Faculty. He is a Life Fellow of Gonville and Caius College. Prior to Cambridge, he was a Reader at the University of Durham (and Dean) and Professor at the University of Reading (and Dean equivalent there). He was Chair of the Committee of UK Heads of University Law Schools. He has held visiting Professorships at the University of Iowa, Northwestern, Paris II (at the Institute de Droit Comparé), City University (London) Auckland and Otago. He is a Bencher of the Inn.



Adam Speker

Adam specialises in defamation, privacy, media law, harassment and data protection. Many of his cases involve the Human Rights Act and the interplay between articles 8 and 10 of the European Convention. In addition to advising and acting for or against almost all of the major media organisations, he is regularly instructed to act for or against public authorities. He has also built up an overseas practice being instructed in claims in Holland, Dominica, Barbados, the Bahamas and Malaysia.





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Elisabeth Todd

Elisabeth Todd is a member of 1 Hare Court in London. She also sits as a part-time judge (civil and family). She was originally at the Chancery specialist set of 7 New Square but moved to 1 Hare Court to embrace the better opportunities for advocacy. She has appeared in cases such as Phillips v Peace and M v B. She won the Simmonds & Simmonds Revenue Law Prize in Bar Finals. She is a contributor to Practical Matrimonial Precedents and is the co-author of Todds' Relationship Agreements. She is married to Richard; their four children are aged 20, 17, 16 and 13.



Richard Todd QC

Richard Todd QC is a member of 1 Hare Court in London and Temple Chambers in Hong Kong. He graduated from Trinity College, Oxford (Keasbey Scholar) and winner of the Hugh Bellot Prize in Law Finals. He is a specialist in family centred disputes. He was leading counsel in the Supreme Court cases of Radmacher v Granatino and Petrodel v Prest. In Hong Kong he appeared in the CFA in the nuptial agreements case of SPH v SA and the Florence Tang series of litigation. More recently he has been counsel in the Eric Hotung / Winnie Ho / Katie Chan litigation and also the Fok brothers litigation; all in the Court of Appeal. He is co-author of "Practical Matrimonial Precedents" (Sweet & Maxwell, 2 volumes), At Court (Longmans), The Essential Family Practice (Butterworths), Jowitt's Dictionary of English Law (HMSO) and Todds' Relationship Agreements (Sweet & Maxwell). He sits as a part-time judge with specialist tickets in Chancery and QBD work. Richard is married to Elisabeth; they have four children.



Christiane Valansot

Master Valansot is a financial services lawyer and has worked for over 25 years in the City as an employed barrister in investment banking and asset management. She now is self-employed. She is a former Chairman of BACFI, a member of R&D Committee of the ATC and an advocacy and ethics trainer at Middle Temple. She is a Bencher of the Inn.





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Derek Wood CBE QC

Derek Wood is a member of Falcon Chambers and specialises in commercial and residential property law. He was Principal of St. Hugh's College Oxford between 1991 and 2002. He has worked extensively with the Bar Standards Board in the interests of the profession. In 2007-2008 he chaired the working group which reviewed the Bar Vocational Course (since 2010 known as the Bar Professional Training Course), and in 2009 he led the review of pupillage training for the Bar. He was Treasurer of the Inn in 2006 and has been Director of Middle Temple Advocacy since October 2011. He is a Bencher of the Inn.



Brigadier Charles Wright

Brigadier Charles Wright served in the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards for 35 years. He saw service in the Middle East, Africa, Gibraltar, Canada and Northern Ireland. After leaving the Army in late 1993, he was appointed Under Treasurer of the Middle Temple from 1994-2004. His interests include the environment, music and equestrian activities. He is a Bencher of the Inn.





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Guy Perricone - Under Treasurer

After qualifying as a solicitor with Linklaters, Guy Perricone worked for 20 years in investment banking at Salomon Brothers, SG Warburg and ABN AMRO. During this time, he was a founding partner in a joint venture investment banking firm specialising in the markets of Central and Eastern Europe, which was subsequently acquired by ABN AMRO. In 2005, Guy left investment banking to become Managing Director of the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London. From 2009 – 2013, he was Chief Executive of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, managing a staff of 160 at the London headquarters and a further team of over 1,200 examiners, representatives and volunteers in the UK and internationally. He is also Chairman and Treasurer of the Council of Almoners of Christ's Hospital School Foundation in Horsham, West Sussex. In May 2015 he became Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Royal Academy of Dance, London.



Colin Davidson - Director of Membership & Development

Colin Davidson is responsible for a wide portfolio of activities as Director of Membership and Development from support for the Inn's membership (post-Call), fundraising (including the Scholarship Fund Appeal), oversight of marketing and the Inn's website, to merchandise, filming and events. Colin has a back-ground in commercial hotel operations and appreciates the needs and demands of a modern day Inn of Court. Colin has been with the Inn since 1988, initially in charge of the Catering and Events Operation but has now passed this role on to a dedicated Head of Catering and Events Manager.

