

DEREK WOOD CBE QC

Academic qualifications

MA, BCL (Oxf.)

Professional career

Called to the Bar 1964, appointed QC 1978, Recorder of the Crown Court 1985, former Deputy High Court Judge, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Chartered Arbitrator.

Area of professional practice

Real property work of all descriptions including commercial and agricultural property; housing; engineering and construction disputes; land tax disputes for and against HMRC; and overseas property litigation, principally for the Government of Hong Kong.

Appointments held within the legal profession

Bencher (member of the Governing Body) of the Middle Temple 1985; chair of the Anglo-American Real Property Institute 1986; Treasurer (chair of the Governing Body) of the Middle Temple 2006; Director of Advocacy in the Middle Temple 2011-2016; founding chair of the Board of Governors of the Inns of Court College of Advocacy 2016-2021, responsible for the continuing education and training of practitioners and the introduction of an innovative Bar course designed to attract a greater diversity of recruits to the profession.

Other professional fellowships

Hon. Fellow of the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers 1988, Hon. Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors 1991

and member of the International Governing Council of the RICS 2003-6.

Public appointments

UK Department of the Environment: member of Property Advisory Group 1979-1995; chair of Expert Committees on the Rating of Plant and Machinery 1991-2 & 1996-8.

UK Department of Transport: chair of the Standing Committee on Trunk Road Assessment (SACTRA) 1986-1994.

Property industry: chair of working party on Code of Practice for Commercial Property Leases 1995-6.

Public honours

Awarded CBE for services to property law 1995.

Academic appointments

Principal of St. Hugh's College Oxford 1991-2002, Hon Fellow of St. Hugh's College and University College Oxford.

Chair of the University's Health and Safety Committee with responsibility for the health and safety of the workforce and students across the entire University estate. Chair of a working party revising the University's statutes and drafter of an entirely new code of statutes and principal regulations of the University approved by the Privy Council and enacted in 2002.

Other voluntary activities

Founding chair of the Oxfordshire Community Foundation (1998-2001). Trustee (2002) and chair (2003-2011) of the Attlee Foundation (a charity primarily serving the community in the East End of London, by (among other things) constructing and running a new community

centre adjacent to the City Road. Governor of Quintin Kynaston School in NW London, a community comprehensive school, later an academy, 2003-2013. Currently trustee and member of the Management Committee of the Camden Community Law Centre, NW London and chair of the Board of Directors of the North West London Law Centres (established 2022).

Publications and published reports

Halsbury's Laws of England 4th edn, Vol 27: title Leasehold Enfranchisement and Extension 1981

Planning Gain. Principal author of paper by the Property Advisory Group. Department of the Environment 1981

Report of the Independent Panel of Inquiry into the Effects of Bans on Heavy Lorries in London Chair of Panel. Greater London Council 1983.

Assessing the Environmental Effects of Road Schemes. SACTRA. Chair of Committee. Department of Transport 1992.

Handbook of Arbitration Practice (HAP) 2nd edition. Sweet & Maxwell. 1993. Co-author.

The Rating of Plant and Machinery: two reports of the Expert Committees. Chair of Committee. Department of the Environment and the Scottish Office 1993 & 1998.

Trunk Roads and the Generation of Traffic. SACTRA. Chair of Committee. Department of Transport 1994.

HAP 3rd edn. Sweet & Maxwell 1998. Consulting editor.

HAP 4th edn. Thomsons & Sweet & Maxwell 2003 Author of title on Agricultural Arbitrations.

Landlord and Tenant Law ed. Bright. Hart Publishing 2006. Author of Chapter 1 “*Landlord and tenant law: mapping the recent past*”.

The Judicial House of Lords 1876-2009 ed Blom-Cooper, Dickins & Drewry. OUP 2009. Author of Chapter 37 “*Land Law*”.

Reports to the Bar Standards Board on The Bar Vocational Course (2008), *Pupillage* (2009) and *Continuing Education* (2010), reviewing and recommending changes to the training of bar students and barristers. Chair of the Working Groups and author.