



THE BAILIFF OF GUERNSEY SIR RICHARD JAMES MCMAHON

Sir Richard James McMahon was born in 1962 and educated at Abingdon School; Liverpool University; Emmanuel College, Cambridge; the Inns of Court School of Law in London; and the Université de Caen, France.

He was called to the English Bar, Middle Temple in 1986 and to the Guernsey Bar in 1998.

Richard McMahon lectured in law at the University of Reading from 1987 to 1995, whilst maintaining a general common law practice at the English Bar. He came to Guernsey in 1995 as a Legislative Draftsman; in 2000 he was appointed a Crown Advocate and Director of Civil Litigation; and in 2008 External Relations Policy and Legal Adviser.

In 2009 Richard McMahon was appointed Her Majesty's Comptroller (Solicitor General) and as a consequence, Deputy to Her Majesty's Receiver General for Guernsey. At the same time, he was appointed Queen's Counsel.

In March 2012, Richard McMahon was appointed Deputy Bailiff of Guernsey and in May 2020 he was appointed as Bailiff of Guernsey. The Bailiff is the senior Judge in the Bailiwick of Guernsey and *ex officio* the President of the Guernsey Court of Appeal.

The Bailiff of Guernsey is also *ex officio* the Deputy Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey with power to act in the absence of the Lieutenant-Governor, the Sovereign's representative.

The Bailiff of Guernsey is the Presiding Officer of the Island's Parliament, the States of Deliberation. He holds no office in any committee of government. The role of Presiding Officer is non-political, moderating debate and applying the Rules of Procedure. The States of Deliberation are normally convened approximately monthly.

The Bailiff was knighted in His Majesty The King's Birthday Honours in 2023.