

## **Curriculum Vitae for Adrian Fulford**

Sir Adrian attended Southampton University, leaving with a BA (Hons) degree in history in 1974. He was called to the Bar in 1978 and became a Queen's Counsel in 1994. He was made a Recorder of the Crown Court (a part-time judge) in 1995, and was appointed as a High Court Judge on 21 November 2002, assigned to the Queen's Bench Division. He subsequently presided over a number of high-profile cases.

Sir Adrian was elected to serve as one of the 18 judges of the International Criminal Court ("ICC") in 2003 for a term of nine years and was assigned to the Trial Division. He was sworn into office on 11 March 2003, and in due course elected as President of the Trial Division. Until he presided over the Lubanga Case (the ICC's first trial) in 2005, Sir Adrian continued working as a High Court judge, during which period I tried the 21/7 failed London bombers. He served a nine-year term at the ICC.

Sir Adrian was a presiding judge of the South-Eastern Circuit from 2009 until appointed as a Lord Justice of Appeal on 10 May 2013. In due course he became the Deputy Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales on 1 January 2015. He served as the Senior Presiding Judge from 1 January 2016 until 31 March 2017. Whilst Senior Presiding Judge, he was the judge-in-charge of IT and led for the judiciary on Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service ("HMCTS") £1 billion Reform Programme. Sir Adrian sat on the HMCTS Board and the Judicial Executive Board.

On 27 February 2017, Sir Adrian was appointed as the first Investigatory Powers Commissioner, charged with providing judicial oversight of the use of investigatory powers by public authorities, whilst remaining a Lord Justice of Appeal. He set up the new office and liaised extensively with the Security Services, the senior ranks of the police and other relevant public bodies. He established the new system of oversight, within the terms of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016. He ran a team of senior retired judges who considered applications for intrusive warrants, and organised regular inspections of the security services and the relevant departments within the police and other law enforcement authorities, across the whole of the United Kingdom.

Sir Adrian was appointed as Vice President of the Court of Appeal Criminal Division on 20 October 2019 when he stood down as the Investigatory Powers Commissioner. He made considerable changes in the running of the court, most particularly as regards, first, turning the CACD into a "paperless" court, using the DCS/Caselines system and, second, ensuring that the court remained properly functioning during the COVID pandemic. Save for those reserved for the Lord Chief Justice, Sir Adrian dealt with the majority of the most serious and complex appeals in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) during his time as Vice-President. These were significant in number and as regards the issues they raised.

Having retired from the Court of Appeal on 30 September 2022, Sir Adrian was (re)appointed on 16 January 2023 as a judge of the Court of Appeal, sitting in retirement (under the Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022).

Sir Adrian currently serves as one of the “ordinary” judicial commissioners at the Investigatory Powers Commissioner’s Office.

On 1 July 2023, Sir Adrian was appointed as the Chair of the Security Vetting Appeal Panel, which considers appeals from the refusal or removal of security clearance for a wide range of those employed in public service.

Sir Adrian is a member of the Court of Appeal of Gibraltar.