

## **THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD JUSTICE THOMAS**

Lord Justice Thomas was born in Wales; he was educated at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he read law, after which he became a Commonwealth Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1969 and became a Bencher at the Inn in 1992. He practiced at the Commercial Bar in London from 1971 and became a Queen's Counsel in 1984. He was an Inspector into the affairs of Mirror Group Newspapers plc when that company was owned by the late Mr Robert Maxwell.

He was appointed a Judge of the High Court of England and Wales in 1996 and was assigned to the Queen's Bench Division and to the Commercial Court. From 1998-2001 he was one of the Presiding Judges of the Wales and Chester Circuit. He was Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court in London from April 2002 to July 2003, when he was appointed as a Lord Justice of Appeal. He has been a member of the Judges' Council since 2002. He was the Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales from 2003 to 2006. He was Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Judges' Council from 2003 to 2006. He is currently judge in charge of European relations.

He is a Deputy President of the AIDA Reinsurance and Insurance Arbitration Society (ARIAS)(UK), a Deputy President of the British Maritime Law Association and a past President of the British Insurance Law Association.

He is President of the Wales Public Law and Human Rights Association, Wales Commercial Law Association and the Welsh Legal History Society.

He is an Honorary Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge and a Fellow of the University of Cardiff, of the University of Aberystwyth and of the University of Swansea and an Honorary Doctor of Law of the University of Glamorgan and the University of the West of England,

He was elected President of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary in May 2008.