



Sir Wyn Williams FLSW

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Sir Wyn Williams accepts appointments as an arbitrator and mediator for both domestic and international disputes.

Sir Wyn was appointed a Recorder of the Crown Court in 1992 and a Deputy High Court Judge in 1999. He took up a full time judicial appointment on 1 April 2004 when he was made a senior circuit judge and the specialist Chancery Judge for the Wales and Chester Circuit. In January 2007, Sir Wyn was appointed to the High Court and immediately upon appointment was authorised to sit in the Administrative Court. Between 1 January 2012 and December 2015, he was a presiding judge for Wales becoming the Senior Presiding Judge in January 2014. Although Sir Wyn has retired as a full time judge, he is authorised to sit as a Deputy High Court Judge. In December 2018, Sir Wyn was sworn in as a Court of Appeal Judge for Guernsey.

Between September 2012 and July 2016, Sir Wyn was the Deputy Chairman of the Boundary Commission for Wales, and between 2013 and his retirement in 2017 was the Chairman of the Wales Committee of the Judicial College. In 2013, Sir Wyn was elected to a fellowship of The Learned Society of Wales in recognition of his services to the law in Wales.

Prior to taking up a full time judicial career, Sir Wyn had a broad and highly successful practice at the Bar. He was called to the Bar in 1974 and practised from chambers in Cardiff until 1998. He took silk in 1992. In October 1998, he joined 39 Essex Chambers in London. In his later years as a silk, he practised principally in personal injury, clinical negligence, sports and public law but developed a particular interest in sporting disputes.

Areas of expertise

Sport

Administrative and Public

Common Law

Chancery

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During his time as the specialist Chancery Circuit Judge for the Wales and Chester Circuit, Sir Wyn tried most of the important chancery cases arising throughout Wales and Cheshire. He also sat as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Chancery Division in Wales, Chester and London. Among the cases over which Sir Wyn presided were shareholder disputes and other company law disputes, real property disputes, disputes arising from wills and intestacy, partnership disputes and a wide range of claims relating to or arising from insolvency.

Following his elevation to the High Court Bench, Sir Wyn sat occasionally in the Chancery Division of the High Court both in London and in Wales. He also tried public law cases which had a strong Chancery element. Examples are *Cameron and others v Commissioner for HM Revenue and Customs* [2012] EWHC 1174 (Admin) (a dispute between the Inland Revenue and seafarers about taxation provisions) and *Evans v Wimbledon and Putney Commoners* [2013] EWHC 3411 (Admin) (a dispute about the extent of the power to grant property rights such as easements over Wimbledon Common).

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