



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

Common Law

As a junior barrister and silk, Sir Wyn was very heavily engaged in a variety of common law cases. Examples of work in this area include:

As a QC:

Sir Wyn had an extensive practice in personal injury and clinical negligence claims. In clinical negligence

claims, he was usually instructed on behalf of the claimant but in personal injury claims arising from industrial accidents or road traffic accidents he was instructed by both claimants and defendants. In the main, the cases in which Sir Wyn was involved related to catastrophic injuries but he also undertook work in relation to industrial disease, especially disease caused by exposure to asbestos.

As a High Court judge:

Sir Wyn has presided over trials in the Queen's Bench Division relating to a wide variety of legal topics. Examples of such cases are *Chandler v Cape Plc*[2011] EWHC 951 (QB) (liability of non-employer for exposure to asbestos), *Kynixa Ltd v Hynes and others*[2008] EWHC 1495 (QB) (claims arising from alleged breaches of restrictive covenants in employment contracts), *Romantiek BVBA v Simms*[2008] EWHC 3099 (QB) a claim alleging that a public official had committed the tort of misfeasance in public office when discharging a licensing function, *OOO and others v The Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis*[2011] EWHC 1246 (QB) (claims by young foreign females that they had been trafficked into the UK by foreign nationals for the purpose of slavery and that officers of the Metropolitan Police Force breached their human rights in failing to investigate their complaints adequately or at all) and *Mouncher and others v The Chief Constable of South Wales Police* [2016] EWHC 1367 (QB) (claims by retired and serving police officers for false imprisonment, misfeasance in public office and malicious prosecution against South Wales Police arising from an investigation by officers of that force into alleged criminal conduct on the part of the claimants during the course of an investigation into a notorious murder in South Wales).

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