

SIR MICHAEL BURTON QC

Silk: 1984 | Call: 1970



Sir Michael Burton (until 2016 Mr Justice Burton) was called to the Bar in 1970, became a QC in 1984, and was appointed a High Court Judge in 1998. Prior to his appointment, he had a busy commercial practice in the Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions, Commercial Court and Employment Courts, in a wide variety of fields of Law, as Counsel not only in the UK and Luxembourg, but also in Hong Kong, Singapore, Bermuda, Brunei and the United States.

He was Head of Littleton Chambers from 1991 to 1998. As a High Court Judge of the Queen's Bench Division for 18 years, he sat also in the Chancery Division and the Employment Appeal Tribunal, of which he was President from 2002 to 2005, and from 2006 regularly in the Commercial Court. Both before and since his judicial role he has been an arbitrator and mediator. He is General Editor of Civil Appeals (Sweet & Maxwell 2nd Edition). In 2010 to 2011 he was Chairman of the High Court Judges Association. He was Treasurer of Gray's Inn in 2012 and is a Bencher. He was Chairman of the Central Arbitration Committee (CAC) from April 2000 to November 2017 and is President of the Investigatory Powers Tribunal (Vice-President 2000 to 2013). He was appointed a part-time judge of the Abu Dhabi Commercial Court in 2016. Since November 2016, he has returned to Littleton Chambers to practise as an arbitrator and mediator, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Arbitrators. Sir Michael Burton was appointed from 3 September 2017 as Chairman of the Conduct and Disciplinary Tribunal of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He is a member of the LCIA.

Sir Michael Burton is President of the Forum for International Conciliation and Arbitration (FICA).

He still sits in the Commercial Court in London