

His Honour Judge Michael Bowes KC
Resident Judge for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

Biography

Called to the Bar 1980

Appointed as a Recorder (part time judge) 1999

Appointed as a Queen's Counsel 2001

Appointed as a Deputy High Court Judge 2010

Appointed as a Circuit Judge August 2022

Appointed as Resident Judge for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight June 2023

Joint Head, Outer Temple Chambers 2012-2020

Elected as a Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple 2007

Elected as a Law Fellow of Goodenough College, London 2017

Trustee, Transparency International UK 2015 – 2022

Chair, UK Chapter, New York State Bar Association

International Section 2018 - 2022

As a barrister I was a practising member of the Western Circuit and as a Queen's Counsel was instructed to prosecute high profile cases in Hampshire.

My practice in London was predominantly in international white-collar fraud and regulatory work, both for the prosecution and defence.

I have been involved in Bar education over many years as an advocacy trainer and I take an active part in programmes to encourage diversity of entry to the Bar. I have written and regularly presented an ethics discussion programme for schools and colleges called 'The Devil and the Law'.

As a Recorder (part time judge) I sat regularly at Portsmouth Crown Court and so already knew the Court and City before my appointment as a Circuit Judge in 2022.

As the Resident Judge, I will enthusiastically maintain and develop the Court's relationship with Portsmouth City Council and with the City more generally, including its schools and colleges.