

His Honour Nic Madge



I am a writer, judicial trainer and recently retired circuit judge. I have considerable international experience. I am fluent in French. I have reasonable, although somewhat rusty, Spanish.

Judicial Career

Circuit Judge	2004 to 2018
I sat in both crime and civil – most recently at Luton Crown Court and the County Court at Central London. Previously at Harrow, Peterborough (where I was Resident Judge) and Inner London Crown Courts.	
Recorder/Assistant Recorder	1999-2004
District Judge	1995-2004
Deputy District Judge	1989-1995

Academic Qualifications and Practice

M.A. Law (Cambridge)	
I was admitted as a solicitor in 1978.	
Solicitor in London	1978-1985
Partner, Bindman and Partners, solicitors (London)	1985-1995

Legal lecturing and training in the U.K.

Member of Judicial Studies Board/Judicial College tutor team from 1997 to 2018, both as a lecturer and a syndicate leader, including Judge as Communicator, Craft of Judging, Business of Judging, Civil Continuation, Civil Recorder Induction, Human Rights Act, Deputy District Judge induction, country-wide seminars on Housing Act 1996, Anti-social Behaviour, and circuit based civil and criminal refreshers.

I have given lectures on expert evidence for the Expert Witness Institute and the Academy of Experts, and to Scottish judges (organised by the Scottish JSB) and the BMA.

Prior to appointment as a judge, I lectured on an *ad hoc* basis for Brunel University (law for social workers), Goldsmiths College (criminal law for youth workers), Shelter (housing law for practitioners), the Legal Action Group (accredited courses for practitioners), the Law Society (on advocacy skills, civil procedure, judicial review and housing law at national conferences), local law societies, barristers' chambers and solicitors' firms and commercial providers (e.g. Family Law and Jordans).

Since 2019, I have been a visiting lecturer at the University of Westminster, South Bank University and the University of the Arts, London.

International Training Experience

Member of JSB International Board from 2011 to 2014.

I have given lectures (including on the evidence of children and vulnerable witnesses) at international conferences in France, Belgium and Ireland, organised by the Council of Europe and the Franco-British-Irish Judicial Committee. In 2016, I participated in a two-week individual EJTN *stage* shadowing French judges in Lyon.

In 2013, I was one of a small team of British judges who trained judges in Malta on judicial skills and competencies.

In 2014, at the request of the Chief Justice of Rwanda, I conducted seminars in Kigali and drafted guidelines for the assessment of damages in Rwanda.

More recently, I have

- delivered a lecture on Restorative Justice (in French) at the Université Catholique de Lyon (2017);
- led an all-day training session for 35 senior Thai judges on the subject of corruption (Strathclyde University, 2018);
- been a judge of the EJTN sponsored THEMIS competition for European judges and magistrates in Paris (2018); and
- presented lectures and led seminars in Judgecraft and Ethics for Bulgarian judges and prosecutors (ERA - the Academy of European Law, 2019)

I am currently engaged in a Slynn Foundation programme to support the Tanzanian judiciary in their efforts to reform court procedures to render them more efficient and effective. My primary role in this project is to design and deliver "training the trainer" courses on judicial and training skills for judges and magistrates in Tanzania.

I have visited courts and spoken to judges in many countries including Ghana, Sri Lanka, Singapore, New Zealand, South Africa, Bhutan, France, USA and Canada. I have visited the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

While sitting in court in this country, I have hosted visits by judges from a number of countries, including Spain, Germany, Japan, China, Uzbekistan, Japan and USA.

I was a member of the Franco-British-Irish Judicial Committee from 2001 until 2012 and was involved in planning *colloques* for judges from these jurisdictions. As well as speaking at such *colloques*, I have acted as rapporteur. Those *colloques* took place without interpreters.

Human Rights Missions to Ankara (Amnesty International, 1990) and Mexico (FIDH, 1991).

Writing and publishing

I have written and published extensively. Most of my writing has been on legal topics, but accounts of visits to courts in other jurisdictions and some of my travel writing have also been published (e.g. in *International Tours and Tourism News*, *The Pamir Times* and *The Utah Adventure Journal*).

Books

Civil Procedure ("The White Book"), member of Senior Editorial Board, since 2004, contributor since 1999

Housing Law Books *Defending Possession Proceedings* (8 edns, from 1987 to 2016, *Housing Law Casebook* (7 edns, from 1996 to 2017) and *Annotated Housing Statutes* (2 edns, 2003 and 2005)

Experts in the Civil Courts (OUP) ed. Sir Louis Blom-Cooper QC, contributor, 2006

Tribunal Practice (contributor, 1988) and *Tribunals Practice and Procedure* (contributor, 1985)

Journals

Contributor to *Law Society's Gazette*, *New Law Journal*, *Solicitors Journal*, *Legal Action*, *Justice of the Peace*, *Journal of Housing Law*, *Criminal Law Review*, *Landlord and Tenant Review*, *Family Law*, *Association of District Judges Law Bulletin*, *Judicial Studies Board Journal*, *The Times (Law Section)*, *The Guardian* and *Civil Justice Quarterly*.

Law Reports

Consulting editor *United Kingdom Human Rights Reports*, from February 2000 to 2011

Legal committees and working groups

I have been a member of several legal committees and working groups, including the Civil Justice Council and the Civil Procedure Rules Committee. In 2000, I was seconded to the Law Commission for three months to write a scoping study on reform of housing law. I have drafted tests for the Judicial Appointments Commission to be completed by candidates seeking appointment as Recorders and Circuit Judges.

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