



The Right Hon. Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill CVO

Lord Robert Carnwath was a Justice of the UK Supreme Court from April 2012 until his retirement in March 2020. He has sat, and given leading judgments, in many cases in the Privy Council

Before that he was a Lord Justice of Appeal from September 2001, having been a Judge of the High Court, Chancery Division, from 1994.

He was Chairman of the Law Commission for England and Wales from February 1999 until July 2002.

In July 2004 he was nominated as “Shadow” Senior President of Tribunals, to provide judicial leadership in the reform of the UK Tribunal system. In November 2007 he was appointed as the first statutory Senior President of Tribunals under the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007.

He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1968. From 1970 – 1994 he was a practising barrister in what is now Landmark Chambers. His main areas of practice were Local Government, Planning and Environmental Law, and Administrative Law. From 1980 – 85 he was Junior Counsel to the Inland Revenue. He took silk in 1985.

Between 1988 and 1994 he was Attorney-General to HRH the Prince of Wales (for which he was made a Companion of the Victorian Order).

Since 2004 he has worked as an adviser to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on judicial training and is a member of their International Advisory Council on Environmental Justice. He has spoken on environmental law and climate change issues at judicial conferences in many parts of the world. He has also spoken at a number of conferences of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association and the Commonwealth Law Association.