



# The Rt Hon Michael Tomlinson

**Year of Call:** 2002

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## Administrative and Public Law

Michael Tomlinson KC has advised on public law and regulatory issues for twenty years, and was first appointed onto the Attorney-General's Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel) in 2007.

Given Michael's experience in Parliament; in Government as a Law Officer (HM Solicitor General); and in the Cabinet, Michael is uniquely qualified to advise on all matters relating to the legal political sphere and the interpretation of legislation.

Michael was His Majesty's first Solicitor General and as the Attorney General (AG)'s deputy, was enabled by Statute to perform any of her functions. His main duty was as senior legal adviser to the UK Government. Together with the AG, Michael superintended the Crown Prosecution Service and the Serious Fraud Office.

Michael Tomlinson KC was responsible for the Attorney General's public interest functions such as granting consent to the prosecution of certain offences such as offences under the Official Secrets Acts and some criminal and terrorism offences.

Michael also reviewed whether to refer some sentences to the Court of Appeal as being unduly lenient; giving consent for an application to the High Court for a fresh inquest; and deciding whether to institute contempt proceedings.

Michael appeared in the Court of Appeal; chaired Ministerial Board meetings; and chaired the Overseas Territories Attorney General's Conference in Montserrat in September 2023.

## Academic qualifications

- BA (Hons) Classics, Kings' College London, 2i
- Postgraduate Diploma in Law and BVC, College of Law, graduated third top in his year

## Scholarships

- The Malcolm Memorial Prize for Advocacy, College of Law, 2002
- The Sachs Prize, Middle Temple, 2002
- Rosamund Smith Mooting Cup, Middle Temple, 2002

- Queen Mother Scholarship, Middle Temple, 2001

## **Professional qualifications & appointments**

- Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, 2024
- Appointed King's Counsel, 2022
- HM Solicitor General (SG), 2022-2023
- Called to the Bar of Northern Ireland, 2023
- Attorney-General's Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel), 2007-2012

## **Professional bodies**

- Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- Registered Mediator, Civil Mediation Council
- Society of Mediators
- Chancery Bar Association
- Agricultural Law Association