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The Rt. Hon. Lord Hodge

Arbitrator
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Scope of Practice

• Arbitration • Commercial Litigation • Company and Insolvency • Intellectual Property • Public Law

Overview

Lord Hodge was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1983 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1996. Whilst at the Bar, his principal areas of practice were commercial law, judicial review and property law. From 1997 to 2003 he sat as a part-time Commissioner at the Scottish Law Commission, contributing significantly to key law reform projects and leading major projects on company and partnership law. From 2000 to 2005 he was a Judge of the Courts of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey. He was appointed a Senator of the College of Justice in 2005, serving until 2013, during which time he sat as a Commercial Judge and the Scottish Judge in Exchequer Causes, as well as one of the Scottish Intellectual Property Judges and as a Judge in the Lands Valuation Appeal Court. Whilst serving as a judge of the Court of Session in Scotland, he was instrumental in modernising judicial procedures, advancing effective case management, and the practice of its commercial court.

Lord Hodge was appointed a Justice of the UK Supreme Court and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on 1 October 2013, and became Deputy President of the Supreme Court in January 2020, a role he held until his retirement on 31 December 2025. Lord Hodge was appointed Chief Justice of the ADGM Courts effective 1 April 2026, and he also served as a Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal of Hong Kong between 2021 and 2022.

Lord Hodge's distinguished career spans commercial, company, property, and public law, with particular expertise in complex commercial disputes and international arbitration. He has lectured and published extensively on the evolution of private law and the intersection of law and emerging technologies, including crypto-assets.

Awards

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