

## Lady Elizabeth Butler-Sloss

Baroness Butler-Sloss GBE PC was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1955. She was appointed a Registrar at the Principal Registry of the Family Division in 1970. In 1979, she became the fourth woman to be appointed as a High Court judge.

In 1988, she became the first woman appointed as a Lord Justice of Appeal (judge of the Court of Appeal), having chaired the Cleveland child abuse inquiry in the previous year. In 1999, she became President of the Family Division of the High Court of Justice, the first woman to hold this position and the highest-ranking woman judge in the United Kingdom.

She became Chancellor of the University of the West of England in 1993 and is an Honorary Fellow of St. Hilda's College, Oxford, Peterhouse, Cambridge, King's College London, the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and the Royal Society of Medicine.

She was advanced to the rank of Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE) in the 2005 New Year Honours.

In 2006 she was appointed to the House of Lords as an independent peer.

She chaired the Commission to recommend the appointment of the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2002.

She was Chairman of the Security Commission until 2005.

On 4 August 2006 she was appointed to the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved for a period of five years.

She has just retired as Chairman of the Selection Panel for Queen's Counsel and is the Chairman of the Advisory Council of St Paul's Cathedral.