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## Sir Kitoye Ajasa

(1866-1937)

Adm IT; Call 1893

Leading member of the Nigerian political party the *People's Union*; High Court Judge of Lagos; First Nigerian to be knighted (1928)



## Edward Akufo-Addo

(1906-1979)

Adm MT; Call 1940

Supreme Court Judge of Ghana (1962-1964); Chief Justice of Ghana (1966-1970); Second President of Ghana (1970-1972)



## Nana Akufo-Addo

Adm MT; Call 1971

Called to the Ghanaian Bar (1975); Attorney General of Ghana (2001-2003); Minister of Foreign Affairs (2003-2007); President of Ghana (2017)



## Daniel Alexander QC

Adm MT; Call 1988

Called to the New York Bar (1988); Queen's Counsel (2003); Deputy High Court Judge (2006)





## B. R. Ambedkar

(1893-1956)

Adm GI; Call 1923

Opponent of discrimination against so-called 'Untouchables' and populariser of the alternative term *Dalit*; First Minister of Law and Justice in independent India (1947-1951); Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee (1947-1950)



## Joseph Emmanuel Appiah

(1918-1990)

Adm MT; Call 1954

President of the West African Students' Union; Elected parliamentary representative for Ashanti region (1956); Chairman of the Justice Party (1970-1972); Involved in the drafting of the Constitution of Ghana; Representative for Ghana to the United Nations (1977-1978)



## Dr Joseph S. Archibald

(1934-2014)

Adm LI; Call 1960

Attorney General of St Kitts, Nevis & Anguilla (1960-1964 and 1966-1968); Judge of Supreme Court of the West Indies (1978); Queen's Counsel (1980); President of the BVI Bar Association (1986-1994); Founding President of the OECS Bar (1991); Judge of Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (1998)



## C. M. G. Argwings Kodhek

(1923-1969)

Adm LI; Call 1951

First practising African lawyer in Kenya (1952); Founded Nairobi District African Congress (1956); Defence counsel for the majority of Mau Mau cases, leading to his disbarment (1957); Elected to the Legislative Council (1961); Elected to Independent Kenya's National Assembly (1963); Minister for Foreign Affairs (1968)



## Desiree Artesi

Adm IT; Call 1998

Called to the Bar of St Lucia (2004); Legal adviser to the High Commission of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda (2006-2014); Bencher of the Inner Temple (2014)



## Dame Lois Browne-Evans

(1927-2007)

Adm MT; Call 1953

Bermuda's first female barrister (1953); First black woman elected to the House of Assembly of Bermuda (1963); First female Attorney General of Bermuda (1999); Appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (1999)



## J. E. Casely Hayford

(1866-1930)

Adm IT; Call 1896

Lawyer, journalist and West African nationalist; Member of the Legislative Council of the Gold Coast (1916); Founded National Congress of British West Africa (1919); Elected representative for Sekondi-Takoradi constituency (1925)



## Baroness Chakrabarti

Adm MT; Call 1994

Bencher of Middle Temple (2006); Director of Liberty (2003-2016); Shadow Attorney General (2016); Life Peerage (2016)





## Eugenia Charles

(1919-2005)

Adm IT; Call 1947

First Dominican woman to practise law; Delegate in Dominica Independence talks (1977); First female Prime Minister in the Caribbean (1980-1995); Appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (1992); Awarded Order of the Caribbean Community (2003)



## Bobbie Cheema-Grubb QC

Adm GI; Call 1989

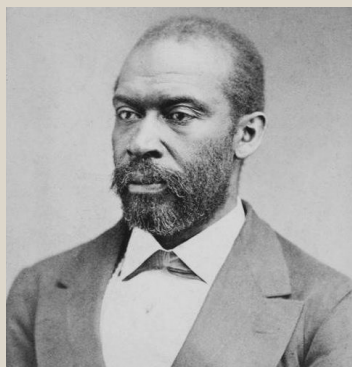
Senior Treasury Counsel (2011); Queen's Counsel (2013); First Asian woman to be appointed to the High Court Bench (2015)



## S. Chelvan

Adm IT; Call 1999

Barrister and human rights activist; Legal Aid Barrister of the Year (2014)

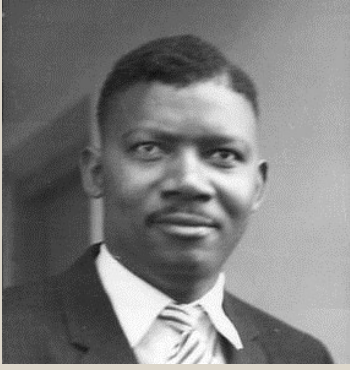


## Thomas Morris Chester

(1834-1892)

Adm MT; Call 1870

First black American to qualify as a barrister in England; Civil War correspondent

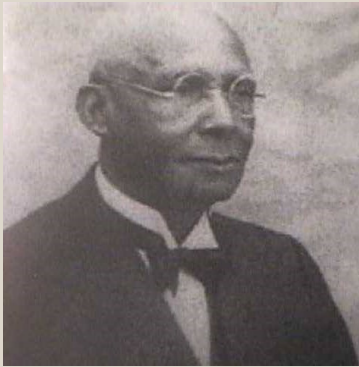


## Herbert Chitepo

(1923-1975)

Adm GI; Call 1954

First black citizen of Rhodesia to become a barrister; National Chairman of the Zimbabwe African Union (1963)



## George James Christian

(1869-1940)

Adm GI; Call 1902

Criminal and concessions lawyer whose work contributed to the Pan African movement; Member of the Gold Coast's Legislative Council (1929-1940)



## Christian Cole

(1852-1885)

Adm IT; Call 1883

First black African to be awarded a degree by Oxford University (1876) and the first to practise law in England (1883)



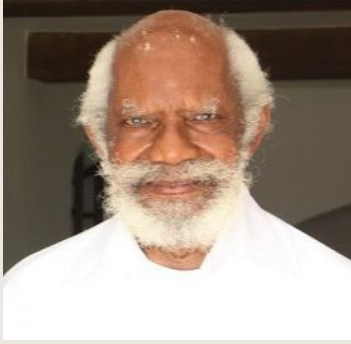
## Learie Constantine

(1902-1971)

Adm MT; Call 1954

Professional cricketer and the UK's first black peer; Appointed MBE (1945); Knighted (1962); Honorary Benchers of the Middle Temple (1963); Life Peerage (1969)





## V. C. R. A. C. Crabbe

(1923-2018)

Adm IT; Call 1955

First Chairperson of the Electoral Commission of Ghana (1968); Supreme Court Justice of Ghana (1970); Statute Law Revision Commissioner (1999); Involved in the drafting of constitutions for Ghana, Kenya, Uganda and Zambia



## Patricia Dangor

Adm MT; Call 1970

Called to the Bermuda Bar (1973); First person of African ancestry appointed as a Circuit judge (1999); First female judge of Bermuda Court of Appeal (2014)



## Simeon Daniel

(1934-2012)

Adm IT; Call 1966

First Premier of Nevis (1983); Awarded National Hero status (2013)



## H. O. Davies

(1905-1989)

Adm MT; Call 1946

Founded the Nigerian People's Congress (1951); Queen's Counsel (1959); Federal Minister of State in the Ministry of Industries (1963-1966)



## Sir Desmond de Silva

Adm MT; Call 1964

Queen's Counsel (1984); United Nations Chief Prosecutor in Special Court for Sierra Leone (2005); Knighted (2007); Bencher of the Middle Temple (2008); Appointed to the Privy Council (2011)



## Dame Linda Dobbs

Adm GI; Call 1981

Queen's Counsel (1998); Bencher of Gray's Inn (2002); First non-white person appointed High Court Judge (2004)



## Dr Gifty Edila

Adm IT; Call 1979

First ethnic minority Head of Law at Newham Council (1994); Qualified as Solicitor Advocate (1998); First ethnic minority Director of Law in Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (2001); Corporate Director for Legal and Democratic Services for London Borough of Hackney (2009)



## Taslim Olawale Elias

(1914-1991)

Adm IT; Call 1947

Attorney General and Justice Minister for Nigeria (1960); Chief Justice of the Nigerian Supreme Court (1972-1975); International Court of Justice judge (1972) and President (1982)

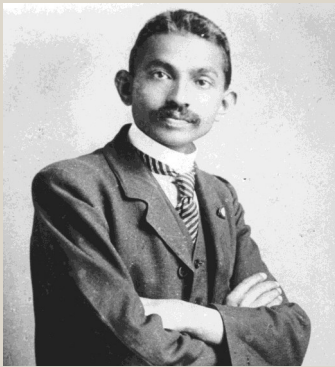




## Martin Forde QC

Adm MT; Call 1984

Queen's Counsel (2006); Bencher of the Middle Temple (2010);  
Member of the Judicial Appointments Commission (2012)



## Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

(1869-1948)

Adm IT; Call 1891

Leader of the Indian independence movement; Disbarred  
following his conviction for sedition (1922); Reinstated as a  
member of the Inner Temple (1988)



## Katie Ghose

Adm MT; Call 1996

Director of the British Institute of Human Rights (2005-2010)



## Manjit Singh Gill QC

Adm GI; Call 1982

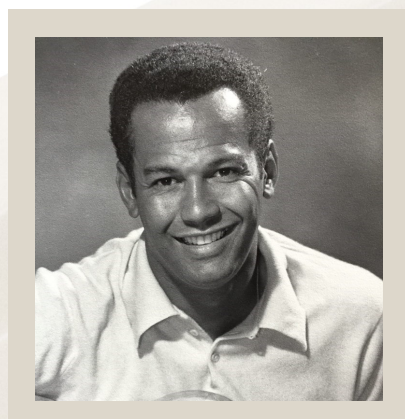
Founding member of the Discrimination Law Association  
(1995); Special Advocate appearing before SIAC (1997);  
Queen's Counsel (2000)



## Dr Frene Ginwala

Adm IT; Call 1964

Speaker of the National Assembly of South Africa  
(1994-2004)

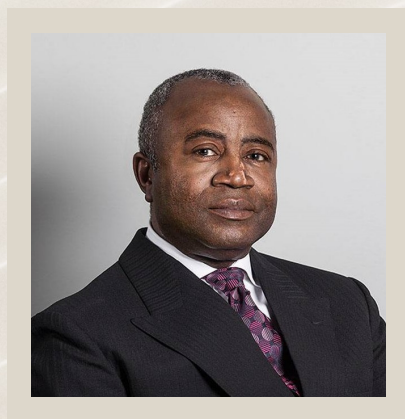


## Cy Grant

(1919-2010)

Adm MT; Call 1950

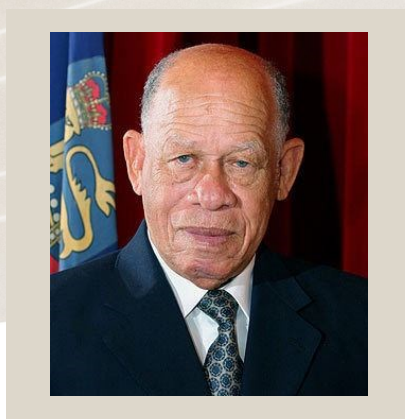
Actor, musician and author, and first black person to appear regularly on British television; Co-founder of the Drum Arts Centre in London with the aim of helping to foster black artistic talent (1974)



## Courtenay Griffiths QC

Adm GI; Call 1980

Queen's Counsel (1998); Recorder (1999-2014); Bencher of Gray's Inn (2002)



## Sir Arthur Dion Hanna

Adm IT; Call 1955

Member of Parliament of the Bahamas (1960-1992);  
Deputy Prime Minister of the Bahamas (1967-1984);  
Governor General of the Bahamas (2006-2012)





## Peter Herbert

Adm GI; Call 1982

Immigration judge (1996); Recorder (2003); Independent member of the Metropolitan Police Authority (2000-2008); Current Chair of the Society of Black Lawyers



## Kim Hollis QC

Adm GI; Call 1979

First Asian woman appointed Queen's Counsel (2002); Director of Public Prosecutions for the British Virgin Islands (2016)



## Neils Walwin Holm

(1866-1927)

Adm LI; Call 1917

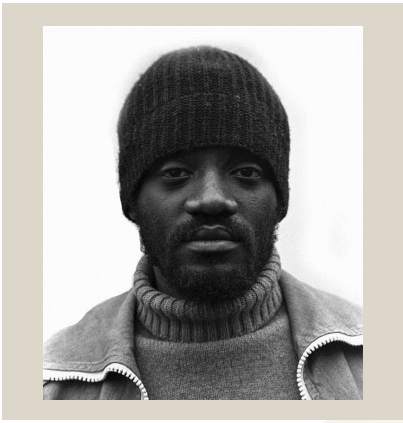
Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society (1897); Retrained as a barrister (1910)



## Sara Hossain

Adm MT; Call 1989

Played a key role in drafting Bangladesh's legislation on violence against women (2010); Presented with the International Women of Courage Award for empowering women and girls in Bangladesh (2016)



## Darcus Howe

(1943-2017)

Adm MT

Activist, journalist and broadcaster; Successfully represented himself and co-defendants in Mangrove Nine trial (1970); Organised Black People's Day of Action March in protest of police handling of New Cross fire investigation (1981)



## Mukhtar Hussain QC

Adm MT; Call 1971

Recorder (1990); Queen's Counsel (1992); President of the Mental Health Tribunal (2000); Benchers of the Middle Temple (2001)



## Bola Ige

(1930-2001)

Adm IT; Call 1962

Senior Advocate of Nigeria; Governor of Oyo State (1979-1983); Minister of Justice (2000-2001); Assassinated (December 2001)



## Annie Jiagge

(1918-1996)

Adm LI; Call 1950

Judge of the High Court of Justice of Ghana (1961); Appointed to represent Ghana on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (1962); Court of Appeal Judge (1969); President of the Court of Appeal of Ghana (1980); Served on the Committee which drafted Ghana's Constitution (1991)





## Samuel Olumuyiwa Jibowu

(1899-1959)

Adm MT; Call 1923

First African to serve as a judge; Appointed Police Magistrate, Lagos (1931); High Court Judge (1942); Chief Justice (1957)



## Muhammad Ali Jinnah

(1876-1948)

Adm LI; Call 1896

Founder and First Governor General of Pakistan

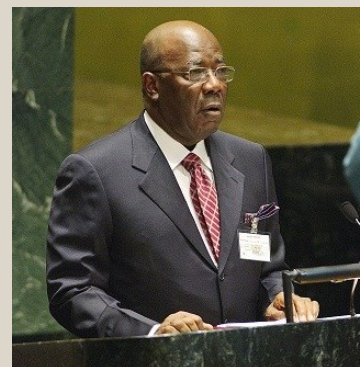


## Hector Joseph

(1871-1936)

Adm LI; Call 1896

First black Jamaican to be appointed King's Counsel (1911); Attorney General of Jamaica (1914) and British Guiana (1925)



## Ahmed Tejan Kabbah

(1932-2014)

Adm GI; Call 1969

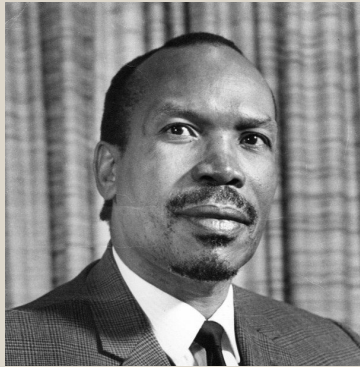
Served in a variety of posts in United Nations Development Programme (1970-1992); First Muslim President of Sierra Leone (1996-1997 and 1998-2007); Served as an election observer with the Commonwealth of Nations and the African Union



## Sibghatullah Kadri QC

Adm IT; Call 1969

Joint founder of the Society of Black Lawyers (1973); Member of the Race Relations Committee of the Bar (1983-1985 & 1988-1989); Queen's Counsel (1989); Bencher of the Inner Temple (1997)

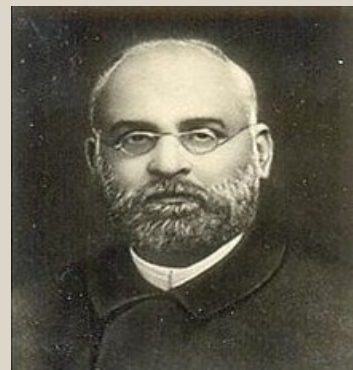


## Seretse Khama

(1921-1980)

Adm IT 1946

First President of Botswana



## Shyamaji Krishnavarma

(1857-1930)

Adm IT; Call 1884

Barrister and nationalist; Disbarred for writing articles in support of Indian Home Rule (1909); Reinstated as a member of Inner Temple (2015)



## John Kufuor

Adm LI; Call 1961

President of Ghana (2001-2009); Set up a truth and reconciliation committee to examine abuses of past administrations (2002); Chairperson of the African Union (2007-2008)





## David Lammy MP

Adm LI; Call 1994

First black Briton admitted to Harvard Law School; Labour MP (2000); Served as Minister of State for Culture (2005-2007) and Minister of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills (2007-2010)



## Jerome Lynch QC

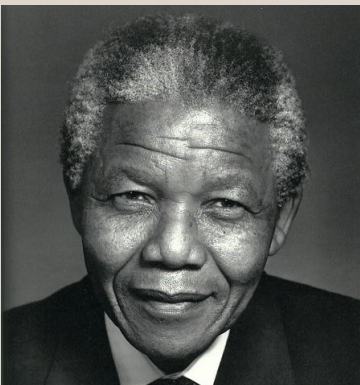
Adm LI; Call 1983

Queen's Counsel (2000); TV appearances include the 'People's Court'



## Zaila McCalla

Called to the Jamaican Bar (1976); Crown Counsel for the Department of Public Prosecutions (1980); Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court (1997); First female Chief Justice of Jamaica (2007); Honorary Bencher of the Middle Temple (2007)



## Nelson Mandela

(1918-2013)

First black President of South Africa (1994-1999); Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn (1994); Honorary Queen's Counsel (2000)



## Alfred Mangena

(1879-1924)

Adm LI; Call 1909

First black African to qualify as an attorney in South Africa (1910); Senior Treasurer of the African National Congress (1912)



## Michel Massih QC

Adm MT; Call 1979

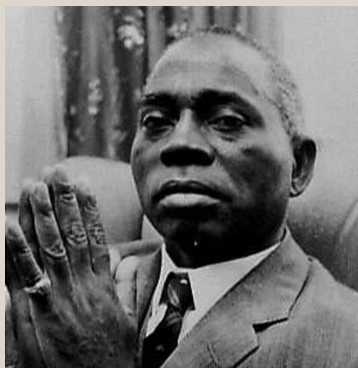
First Queen's Counsel of Palestinian origin (1999); Founding member of the Association of the Palestinian Community in the UK



## Allyson Maynard Gibson QC

Adm IT; Call 1980

Attorney General and Minister for Legal Affairs of The Bahamas (2012); First woman to hold position of Queen's Counsel in The Bahamas (2015)



## Sir Louis Mbanefo

(1911-1977)

Adm MT; Call 1935

Appointed Justice to the Supreme Court of Nigeria (1952); Served as an International Court of Justice ad hoc judge (1962-1966)





## Krishna Menon

(1896-1974)

Adm MT; Call 1934

First High Commissioner of independent India (1947);  
Defence Minister of India (1957-1962)



## Barbara Mensah

Adm LI; Call 1984

First Circuit Court judge of African origin (2005)



## Shirley Isabelle Miller QC

Adm LI; Call 1961

First female Queen's Counsel in Jamaica (1971); Director of  
Law Reform, Ministry of Legal Affairs (1977); Appointed  
Commander of Order of Distinction (1978); Appointed to  
the Privy Council (2016)

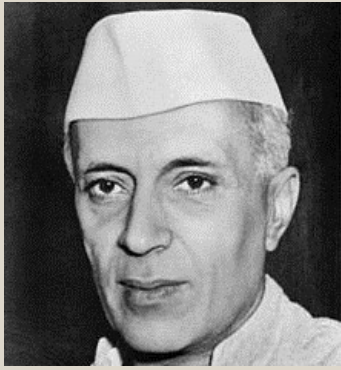


## Moleleki Mokama

(1933-1997)

Adm IT; Call 1962

Botswana's first African barrister; Attorney General of  
Botswana (1969-1992); Awarded Presidential Order of  
Honor (1990); Chief Justice of Botswana (1992)



## Jawaharlal Nehru

(1889-1964)

Adm IT; Call 1912

First Prime Minister of India



## Michelle Nelson

Adm MT; Call 1994

First black woman appointed Senior Treasury Counsel (2009)



## Oba Nsugbe QC

Adm GI; Call 1985

Queen's Counsel (2002); Senior Advocate of Nigeria (2005);  
Bencher of Gray's Inn (2005)



## Debo Nwauzu

Adm IT; Call 1989

Founder of the Black Lawyers Directory (BLD)





## Emmanuel Obetsebi-Lampitey

(1902-1963)

Adm IT; Call 1939

Lawyer and political activist; Elected to the Legislative Council of the Gold Coast as representative for Accra (1947); Founder and member of the Executive Committee of the United Gold Coast Convention (1947); One of the “Big Six” arrested for opposition to the colonial administration (1948)



## Fidelis Oditah QC

Adm LI; Call 1992

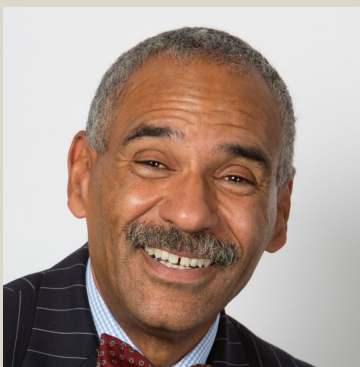
Queen’s Counsel (2003); Senior Advocate of Nigeria (2004); Bencher of Lincoln’s Inn (2010)



## Tunde Okewale

Adm IT; Call 2007

Founded charity organisation ‘Urban Lawyers’ (2010); Appointed MBE for services to the community and disadvantaged young people (2016)



## Icah Peart QC

Adm MT; Call 1978

Recorder (2000); Queen’s Counsel (2002); Bencher of the Middle Temple (2005)



## Tunku Abdul Rahman

(1903-1990)

Adm IT; Call 1928

First Prime Minister of independent Malaya (1957-1963); Prime Minister of Malaysia (1963-1970); Bencher of the Inner Temple (1971)



## Sir Edward Richards

(1908-1991)

Adm MT; Call 1946

Called to the Bermuda Bar (1947); Knighted (1971); First Premier of Bermuda (1971-1975)

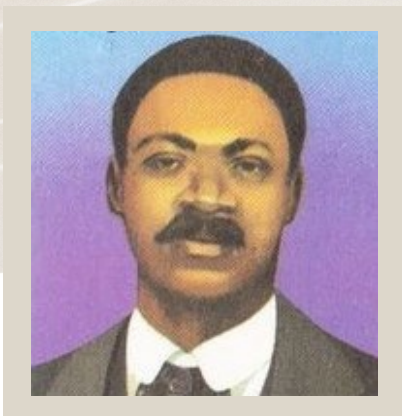


## Dr John Anthony Roberts QC

(1928-2016)

Adm GI; Call 1969

First Queen's Counsel of African ancestry (1988); Bencher of Gray's Inn (1996); Also called to the Bars of Jamaica (1973), Sierra Leone (1975), Trinidad & Tobago (1978), Bahamas (1984), St Kitts & Nevis (1988), Antigua (2002), Barbados (2002), Bermuda (2003), Anguilla (2006) and Grenada (2007)



## John Mensah Sarbah

(1864-1910)

Adm LI; Call 1887

First African from the Gold Coast to be called to the Bar; Co-founder of the Gold Coast Aborigines' Rights Protection Society (1897); Member of the Legislative Counsel (1901); Appointed Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (1910)





## Dame Joan Sawyer

Adm GI; Call 1973

First woman to be appointed Chief Justice of The Bahamas (1996-2001); Appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (1997); First female President of the Court of Appeal of The Bahamas (2001-2010); Appointed to the Privy Council (2004)



## Baroness Scotland

Adm MT; Call 1977

First black woman appointed Queen's Counsel (1991); Benchers of the Middle Temple (1997); Life Peerage (1997); First female Attorney General (2007-2010); Secretary-General of the Commonwealth (2016)



## Pixley ka Isaka Seme

(1881-1951)

Adm MT; Call 1910

Co-founder of South African Native National Congress (SANNC), later renamed ANC; President of ANC (1930-1936)



## Leila Seth

(1930-2017)

Adm LI; Call 1959

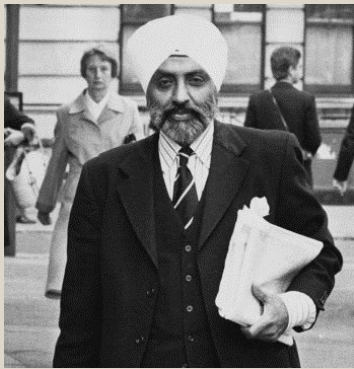
First woman to top the London Bar exams (1958); First woman judge of the Delhi High Court (1978); Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh (1991)



## Kuldip Singh QC

Adm MT; Call 1975

Queen's Counsel (1993); Recorder (2002); Bencher of the Middle Temple (2002)



## Mota Singh QC

(1930-2016)

Adm LI; Call 1956

First judge to sit on the English Bench wearing a turban instead of a wig; Statutory member of Race Relations Board (1967-1978); Queen's Counsel (1978); Circuit judge (1982-2002); Bencher of Lincoln's Inn (2002)



## Salma Sobhan

(1937-2003)

Adm LI; Call 1959

First woman barrister in Pakistan; Pioneer of human rights activism in Bangladesh and founder of the organisation *Ain o Shalish Kendra* (1986)



## Ladipo Solanke

(1886-1958)

Adm MT; Call 1926

Helped found the Nigerian Progress Union (1924); Co-founder and later Secretary General of the West African Students' Union (1925)





## Cornelia Sorabji

(1866-1954)

Adm LI; Call 1923

First woman to read law at Oxford (1889); First woman to practise law in both India and Britain



## Tunji Sowande

(1912-1999)

Adm IT; Call 1956

First black Head of Chambers (1968); First black Deputy Circuit Judge (1978); Bencher of the Inner Temple (1986)



## Thelma Stober

Adm MT; Call 1981

Qualified as a solicitor (1993); Director of Law, Governance and Procurement at the London Development Agency (2002); Instrumental in London's successful bid for the 2012 Olympic Games



## Leslie Thomas QC

Adm IT; Call 1988

Legal Aid Barrister of the Year (2012); Honorary Doctorate in Law from Kingston University for services to civil rights (2013); Queen's Counsel (2014)



## Stella Thomas

(1906-1974)

Adm MT; Call 1933

Founding member of the League of Coloured Peoples;  
First female barrister from West Africa (1933); First woman  
magistrate in Nigeria (1943)

*Pictured: Stella Thomas and Harold Moody*



## Gabrielle Turnquest

Adm LI; Call 2013

Youngest person to be called to the bar (age 18)



## Badruddin Tyabji

(1844-1906)

Adm MT; Call 1867

First Indian Barrister in High Court of Bombay (1867); First  
Muslim President of the Indian National Congress (1887);  
First Muslim Judge of Bombay High Court (1895)



## Anesta Weekes QC

Adm GI; Call 1981

Queen's Counsel (1999); Recorder (2000); Bencher of Gray's  
Inn (2003)





## Christopher Sapara Williams

(1855-1915)

Adm IT; Call 1879

Appointed Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (1914); Recommendation for King's Counsel turned down; It was not until 1958 that QCs were appointed in Nigeria



## Frederick Rotimi Williams QC

(1920-2005)

Adm GI; Call 1943

Attorney General of Nigeria (1957); First Nigerian to be appointed Queen's Counsel (1958); President of the Nigerian Bar Association (1959); Senior Advocate of Nigeria (1975)



## Henry Sylvester Williams

(1869-1911)

Adm GI; Call 1902

Founding member of the Pan-African Association; First black man admitted to the Bar in the Cape Colony (1903)



## Richard Wilson QC

Adm LI; Call 1981

Queen's Counsel (2003); Called to the Bar of Belize (2004); Lawyer of the Year - Administrative and Public Law (2016)



## Len Woodley QC

Adm IT; Call 1963

First Queen's Counsel of Caribbean origin (1988); Recorder (1989-2000); Bencher of the Inner Temple (1990); Endowed Leonard Woodley Scholarship at the Inner Temple to be given to black or Asian pupils



## Frances Wright

(1919-2010)

Adm GI; Call 1941

First Sierra Leonean woman to be called to the Bar in England (1941); First woman to practise law in Sierra Leone



# The Inns of Court

The four Inns of Court are unincorporated associations which have existed since the 14th century. They hold exclusive rights to call candidates to practise law at the Bar of England and Wales, and they play a central role in the recruitment, training and professional life of barristers.

## Key

Adm - Admitted as a member of an Inn of Court

Call - Called to the Bar of England and Wales

GI - Gray's Inn

IT - Inner Temple

LI - Lincoln's Inn

MT - Middle Temple



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