

The Recorder of London His Honour Judge Mark Lucraft KC

Mark was appointed as a full-time judge in 2012. Before then he was a barrister in practice at the criminal bar. His work was mostly concerned with serious and complex fraud. He was appointed as a QC (as it was then) in 2006. He was appointed a Recorder in 2003. He first sat as a full-time judge in the Crown Court at Norwich then the Crown Court at Cambridge. He first came to sit as a full-time judge at the Old Bailey in 2015. Between 2016 and December 2020 he was the Chief Coroner of England & Wales and in 2017 he was appointed as a Senior Circuit Judge at the Old Bailey.

He was appointed as a Bencher of the Inner Temple in 2017. He was appointed the Recorder of London in April 2020. As well as sitting as judge in the Old Bailey he sits as an occasional judge in the Court of Appeal Criminal Division. He is a Tutor Judge with the Judicial College. He is the General Editor of Archbold: Criminal Pleading, Evidence & Practice – one of the two principal law books used by practitioners and judges in the Crown Court, is one of the editors of the Crown Court Index as well as contributing to other legal books.

As Chief Coroner he presided over a number of significant Inquests including those concerning the terror attacks in 2017 on Westminster Bridge and on London Bridge / Borough Market and the terror incident at Fishmongers' Hall in 2019. On 2nd June 2023 he sentenced Matthew King: the first broadcast of a terrorism sentencing hearing. Mark is a Freeman of the City of London, a Liveryman of the Founders' Company and an Honorary Liveryman of the Curriers' Company.