



Election of Sheriffs for The City of London on 24 June 2002

Candidature of Martin Courtenay Clarke MA FCA MSI FRSA

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My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Encouraged by many friends in the Livery and supported by The Wardens and Court of The Merchant Taylors' Company, I offer myself as a candidate for the High Office of Sheriff at the election to be held in Common Hall at Guildhall on MONDAY 24th JUNE 2002 at TWELVE NOON. I request that you use one of your two votes in support of me and the other in support of Alderman David Brewer.

Educated at Winchester and Trinity College Cambridge, I qualified as a chartered accountant in 1966 with Touche Ross (now Deloitte & Touche) and became a partner in 1973. I acted for a wide range of domestic and global clients from the City office, spending some of my career in Europe and North America. For many years I specialised in acting for financial service clients, mainly in the City, and latterly in corporate finance work, becoming the National Director of Corporate Finance. I held a number of senior management positions in the UK and internationally, including serving on the firm's Executive Committee for 13 years. I retired from Touche Ross in 1996. Since then I have been successively Chief Executive and Chairman of a construction and building materials group and also Executive Chairman of a property investment company.

I was admitted to the Livery of the Merchant Taylors' Company in 1971, elected to the Court of Assistants in 1991 and was Master in 1997/8. I am also a Liveryman of the Loriners' Company. I had the honour of serving three Lord Mayors as a member of the City No 1 Committee from 1986 to 1988. My other activities in the City include: Livery Committee 1998/2000, Member of the Ward Clubs of Broad Street and Bassishaw (Chairman 1997), member of the City Livery Club and the City of London Club (Committee 1991/94).

Over many years my charitable and voluntary activities include direct support for a number of charities, acting as a charity trustee, and education. My involvement in education has covered primary, secondary and higher education in the private and public sectors. I am currently a Governor of Merchant Taylors' School, Chairman of the Norland College, and Chairman of the Board of Governors and Pro Chancellor of De Montfort University, Leicester. In the City, I am a Churchwarden of St Lawrence Jewry (since 1989) and Chairman, City of London Outward Bound Association.

My outside interests include sailing -I am a keen sailor and a member of The Royal Yacht Squadron and the Royal Southampton Yacht Club – gardening, painting, music, skiing and fishing.

My wife Esmee takes an active interest in City affairs and in charitable work, in particular, over a long period, for the Royal British Legion. She is a keen and productive gardener. I am pleased to have her wholehearted support.

As a Past Master of a long-established Livery Company and with a wide-ranging international career in financial services and in management, I wish to make a positive contribution to keeping the City as the global leader. If elected to the office of Sheriff, I will support The Lord Mayor loyally in his worldwide role. I would like particularly to broadcast more widely the enormous contribution of the Livery Companies.

I have the honour to be, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant

Martin Clarke
Citizen and Merchant Taylor

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