

Michael Blair QC - Member of the Board



Michael Blair QC is in independent practice at the Bar of England and Wales, specialising in financial services law and practice, and having joined his Chambers in Gray's Inn, London in 2000. For 13 years before that he held successive senior positions in regulation in the City of London, latterly as General Counsel to the Board of the UK Financial Services Authority. He is a Member of the Competition Appeal Tribunal, and was until recently the President of the Guernsey Financial Services Tribunal and the Chairman, SWX Europe, the London arm of the Swiss Stock Exchange. He was the Master Treasurer of the Middle Temple, his Inn of Court, in its quatercentenary year 2008.

From 2000 to 2002, Mr Blair was the Chairman of the three recognised self-regulating organisations for the UK financial services industry: Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, Personal Investment Authority and Securities and Futures Authority.

He served on the Bar Council for ten years, including four years as Treasurer from 1994 to 1998. He was given the award of Queen's Counsel (honoris causa) in 1996 and is the author and editor of a number of leading textbooks on UK financial services law.