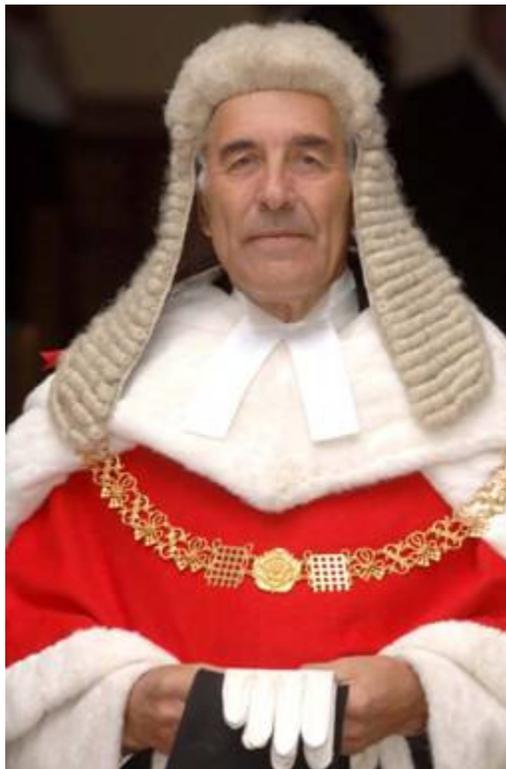


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**LORD CHIEF JUSTICE OF ENGLAND AND WALES
TO RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM
THE IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE**



*The Right Honourable, The Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers,
Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales*

The Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, The Right Honourable The Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, will receive the degree of Doctor of International Maritime Law Honoris Causa from the IMO International Maritime Law Institute. The ceremony will be held at the Aula Magna, Old University Building, Valletta on March 30, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.

The honorary title is being conferred upon the Lord Chief Justice in recognition of his distinguished career and life-long service to the implementation, development and codification of maritime and commercial law.

The authority of conferring honorary degrees under the Institute's Statute is vested in the IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Efthimios Mitropoulos, in his capacity as Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board.

The Lord Phillips has been Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales since October 1, 2005. He was the first Lord Chief Justice to be head of the English judiciary when the function was transferred from the Lord Chancellor.

He went to King's College, Cambridge where he read law. He was called to the Bar (Middle Temple) where he was the Harmsworth Scholar in 1962. He went into practice as a barrister, specialising in maritime law matters. He was appointed as Junior Counsel to the Ministry of Defence and to the Treasury in maritime and admiralty matters in 1973. In 1978 he became Queen's Counsel.

He has since served as Recorder (1982), full time High Court Judge on the Queen's Bench Division (1987), and Lord Justice of Appeal and was appointed to the Privy Council (1995). He was elevated to the House of Lords in 1998 as Baron Phillips of Worth Matravers and the following year he was made Lord of Appeal in Ordinary. In 2000 he succeeded to the position of Master of the Rolls, the second most senior judicial office in England and Wales after the Lord Chief Justice.

Professor David Attard, the IMLI Director, observed that: "The Lord Chief Justice has lectured at IMLI on a number of occasions since 1991. He has been a friend and ardent supporter of our works at IMLI, and annually he generously arranges for IMLI graduates to visit the Royal Courts of Justice enabling them to attend Admiralty sessions."

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