

## **Pen pictures of Judges sitting on Information Rights cases in the First-tier Tribunal.**

### **Principal Judge First-tier Tribunal**

#### **Professor John Angel**

- Retired solicitor
- Acting President of the General Regulatory Chamber
- Deputy Judge of the Administrative Appeals Chamber of the Upper Tribunal.
- Visiting Professor at the Institute of Computer & Communications Law, Centre for Commercial Studies, Queen Mary, University of London
- Many publications covering such subjects as computer, telecommunications and electronic business law
- Formerly Head of Online Legal Services at global law firm Clifford Chance and before that practised technology law at Theodore Goddard
- Previously held a number of senior (non legal) management positions in the IT industry
- Active in the charity sector: former chair of the London Committee of Help the Aged; currently a trustee of Jeans for Genes
- Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
- Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacture and Commerce
- Freeman of the City of Coventry

### **Judges First-tier Tribunal**

#### **Andrew Bartlett QC, FCI Arb**

- Barrister in private practice
- Deputy Head of Crown Office Chambers
- Chairman of TECBAR
- Chartered Arbitrator
- Adjudicator accredited by TeCSA and TECBAR
- Recorder authorised to sit on civil and TCC business
- Chairman (part-time) of Financial Services and Markets Tribunal
- Chairman (part-time) of Pensions Regulator Tribunal
- Bencher of Middle Temple
- Deputy Judge of the Administration Appeals Chamber of the Upper Tribunal

### **Robin Callender Smith**

- Previous worked as a journalist
- Studied Law at Queen Mary, University of London
- Called to the Bar (Gray s Inn) in 1977
- Member of the Bar Council from 2004
- Vice Chairman of the Bar Councils Disability Committee 2007
- Member of the Law Reform Committee
- Immigration Judge
- Deputy District Judge (Crime)
- President in Mental Health Review Tribunals
- Member of the Financial Services Authority s (FSA s) Regulatory Decisions Committee (RDC)
- Media law specialist advising Express Newspapers on libel and contempt for over 30 years

### **Melanie Carter**

- Called to the Bar in 1984
- Became a solicitor in 1998
- Practised with Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw and Bindman solicitors
- Formerly worked as a lawyer in Government (Home Office, Treasury Solicitors), the General Optical Council and the Commission for Racial Equality.
- A Chair of the Adjudication Panel for England
- Currently a public law and judicial review specialist in the Public and Administrative Law Department of Bates, Wells & Braithwaite

### **Anisa Dhanji**

- A solicitor, England & Wales (1992) and a barrister & solicitor, British Columbia, Canada (1984)
- Previously in private practice with a major City law firm, and General Counsel of two UK Plcs, specialising in commercial and intellectual property law, particularly trade marks and anti-counterfeiting
- Has written and lectured frequently on the above subjects
- Currently a Recorder of the Crown Court, and an Immigration Judge
- Various Board level posts in the non profit sector

### **David Farrer QC**

- Practising Barrister since 1968
- Became a QC in 1986
- Head of 7 Bedford Row between 1999 and 2006.
- Recorder of the Crown Court

- Deputy Chairman of the Information Tribunal since its creation in 2005.
- Practice covers a wide range of civil and criminal work, particularly financial crime and related civil litigation
- Currently works regularly in offshore jurisdictions
- Writes articles and regularly lectures on current issues within his specialist field
- Deputy Judge of the Administration Appeals Chamber of the Upper Tribunal

### **Humphrey Forrest**

- *Not available at time of publication. To follow;*

### **Fiona Henderson**

- A barrister - called to the Bar (Lincoln s Inn) in 1993
- Criminal Barrister for 10 years
- Currently a non-practising door tenant at Furnival Chambers
- Adjudicator (Congestion Charging) for the Parking and Traffic Appeals Service (since 2004)
- A President of the Mental Health Review Tribunal (since 2007)

### **David Marks QC**

- A barrister - called to the Bar in 1974
- Specialises in insolvency litigating, banking and commercially related litigation
- CEDR accredited mediator
- Deputy Registrar in Bankruptcy sitting in the High Court
- Member of the Chancery Bar Association, the Insolvency Lawyers Association and COMBAR.
- Author and editor of many leading banking and insolvency publications and regular speaker at legal seminars on those subjects.
- Deputy Judge of the Administration Appeals Chamber of the Upper Tribunal

### **Annabel Pilling**

- A barrister - called to the Bar 1995
- Since 1996 acted as a legal advisor for the Express Newspaper Group on aspects of media law
- Appointed as a Deputy District Judge in 2006
- Professional practice has been predominantly in crime, both for the prosecution and defence
- Sits as a Road User Charging Adjudicator
- Deputy Judge of the Administration Appeals Chamber of the Upper Tribunal

### **Christopher Ryan**

- A solicitor
- Former partner in the international law firm Norton Rose
- Now manages Intellectual Property consultancy ([www.ryanlaw.co.uk](http://www.ryanlaw.co.uk))
- Involved in the development and delivery of postgraduate courses in intellectual property and information technology at Nottingham Trent University
- Deputy Judge of the Administration Appeals Chamber of the Upper Tribunal

### **Murray Shanks**

- A barrister specialising in commercial and employment law
- Recorder sitting in crime and civil
- Part-time judge of Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court hearing civil disputes
- Long time volunteer advisor and past chairman of Fulham Legal Advice Centre
- Trustee of Crisis - homeless charity

### **Claire Taylor**

- A solicitor specialised in Tax and International Tax
- Since January 2007 Policy Adviser at HM Treasury - first in Tax, now Governance
- Secondments to UNHCR, New York law firm, and the Court of Appeal

(Claire Taylor will not sit on any cases related to her work at HM Treasury)