

Janet Legrand QC (Hon)

Janet is a former Senior Partner and interim Global Co-Chair (2017-2018) of a major law firm, one of the first women to achieve such a senior role in a major firm and a pioneering role model to others.

Her major contribution is her work towards social inclusion in major international law firms. Janet is a strong advocate for the promotion of diversity, inclusion and social mobility. She is noted for her commitment to young people, both within the firm, and those outside who are interested in a career in the City.

In that respect, she is a founder signatory of the Law Society's Diversity and Inclusion Charter, and set up her firm's Diversity Board. She is a founding director of PRIME, an alliance of UK law firms which provides work experience to school students who would otherwise struggle to secure opportunities. Beyond the law, she is heavily involved in higher education and active in charities that work to help children.

Marcia Willis Stewart QC (Hon)

Marcia is a well-known civil liberties solicitor who has been at the forefront of public and administrative law for over a decade. She has acted in a number of challenging and important cases, including representing the family in the Duggan inquest and leading a team of over 30 lawyers representing 77 of the Hillsborough families. Demonstrating enormous skill and commitment, Marcia has provided exceptional dedication and understated, effective leadership to both her clients and colleagues.

During the Hillsborough Inquests, Marcia gave her time to support and mentor pupils from the local community school, encouraging them to take an interest in the inquests and in the law. A keen champion of diversity, she has created working environments that enable access for lawyers from marginalised communities, who are least likely to be afforded opportunities within much of the profession.

Marcia has a long history of commitment to the voluntary sector, contributing as a trustee to various charities, including Camden Women's Aid (now Solace Women's Aid), where over a decade she held the positions of both Chair and Treasurer. Marcia was named Legal Aid Lawyer Public Law Solicitor of the year in 2015.

Professor Mads Andenæs QC (Hon)

Mads is a leading academic, and was recognised for his work in the fields of comparative and international law. He has written many books on the subject and has established a series of annual seminars on pressing issues as seen from European Supreme Courts. This was inaugurated by a seminar in the UK Supreme Court with the participation of a number of leading UK practitioners and judges. He has worked to familiarise academic and practising lawyers and the judiciary in this jurisdiction with other systems of law, and has encouraged exchanges of views and approaches between common and civil lawyers. He was also a member and Special Rapporteur in the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, and contributed to its report « Basic Principles and Guidelines » (2012). This report has been referred to in UK Supreme Court judgments.