

Malcolm Bishop KC

Call Date: 1968 | Silk Date: 1993



Malcolm Bishop KC joined Chambers in 2020 after appearing in the biggest case in the history of the Commonwealth lasting five years to date, involving an alleged fraud by the premier and cabinet of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

This experience has honed his outstanding capacity for detailed analysis, piecing cross-examination and legal submissions of exceptional quality.

Legal Services

Public Inquiries

As a former deputy High Court Judge and Recorder Malcolm Bishop has seen litigation from the perspective of the Bench as well as the Bar. In particular his chair of the two-year Commission of Inquiry into the Isle of Man Legal Aid Scheme has equipped him to deal with the particular features of a public inquiry. This is a cross between a conventional court hearing and 'audience participating theatre'. It is quite usual for the public in a planning inquiry to clap, boo and heckle the speaker.

Malcolm's experience in controlling a court ensures that he is able to calm the atmosphere and get the objectors on side. Although they will never admit it, inspectors are greatly influenced by local sentiment and nothing helps more than to turn hostility into support or at least acquiescence. He is adept at reading and handling his audience, using the force of his personality. As a leading Silk he has unrivalled expertise in the traditional skills of a successful advocate—persuasion, perseverance and resilience.

Civil Fraud

His long experience has honed his outstanding capacity for detailed analysis, piecing cross-examination and legal submissions of exceptional quality. Very much the 'go-to' advocate for a paper-heavy case.

Internal Disciplinary Issues

These are becoming more and more frequent and can cause financial and reputational damage. His skill as an advocate has taught Malcolm the importance of sensitive handling of emotionally charged situations and

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achieving consensus. This calls for a delicate balance between facing the legal situation head on and modulating the 'mood music' so that the aggrieved party comes away feeling that he or she has been given a fair hearing and sensible advice. His proud claim is that in all his years of practice he has never been 'sacked' and that he frequently receives repeat engagements from former clients and family members sometimes decades later.

The clerks will be happy to share insights into his very many cases.

Direct Access

Malcolm is able to accept instructions directly from members of the public, companies and other entities through the public access scheme (also known as direct access). Malcolm has acted, advised and drafted pleadings and documents for a number of individuals and small and medium sized businesses on a direct access basis. He is happy to accept instructions on a direct basis in appropriate cases. If you wish to instruct Malcolm on a direct basis, please speak to the practice managers.

For more information on public access, please see the Bar Council [website](#).

Memberships

- Inner Temple
- Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)
- R3
- Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA)

Qualifications

- Regent's Park College, Oxford University MA (Oxon) (Honour Moderations in Theology and Final Honour school jurisprudence. Samuel Davies prizeman.
- Ruabon Grammar School (North Wales)

Appointments

- Former Deputy High Court Judge
- Former Recorder of the Crown Court
- Chair, Isle of Man Public Inquiry into Legal Aid Provision
- Bencher of the Inner Temple
- Hon. Standing Counsel to Regent's Park College, Oxford University of which he is an honorary Fellow

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Articles

- [NLJ profile: Judge Rinder interviews Malcolm Bishop QC, 3 Hare Court](#) – In August 2020, Malcolm sat down with Robert Rinder (aka Judge Rinder) for the New Law Journal, where they spoke on mentors, diving into Greek translations and restoring the office of the Lord Chancellor.

Languages

- Conversational Welsh