

**Curriculum Vitae of
The Right Honourable Lord Reed**

1. Personal Background

Lord (Robert) Reed is a citizen of the United Kingdom. He was born there on September 7, 1956 and is married with two children.

2. Education

Lord Reed was educated at school in Edinburgh, and studied law at Edinburgh and Oxford Universities.

3. Legal Experience

Lord Reed qualified as a member of the Scottish Bar in 1983 and of the English Bar in 1991. He practised principally in Scotland, and was also a member of chambers in London. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1995. His practice was primarily in civil law, particularly public law, until 1996, when he was appointed as a senior prosecuting counsel. His work included cases before the House of Lords, the European Court of Human Rights and the International Court of Justice.

4. Judicial Experience

Lord Reed was appointed a Judge of the Court of Session in September 1998. He initially dealt with general civil and criminal work, before being appointed to the Commercial Court. In 2006 he became the Principal Commercial and Companies Judge. In January 2008 he was appointed to the (appellate) Inner House, where he sat on appeals of all kinds. In December 2011, he was appointed as a Justice of the Supreme Court. He also sits on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and occasionally as an ad hoc judge of the European Court of Human Rights.

5. Services and Activities related to the Law

Lord Reed was closely involved in the reform of the administration of the Scottish courts, serving on the relevant committees and on the Board of the Scottish Courts Service. Between 2009 and 2012 he had responsibility for the judicial administration of the Court of Session, and was in charge of the administration of civil appeals.

He has acted as an expert adviser to the European Commission/Council of Europe Initiative with Turkey, Chairman of the Franco-British Judicial Co-operation Committee, President of the EU Forum of Judges for the Environment, and member of the UN Task Force on Access to Justice under the Aarhus Convention.

He is currently an Honorary Professor at Glasgow University, a member of the advisory board of Oxford University's Institute of European and Comparative Law, and a Trustee of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. He is a member of the editorial advisory board of the Law Quarterly Review. He has written or contributed to books on constitutional and administrative law, human rights law, comparative law, and unjust enrichment.

6. Other Activities

Lord Reed served for six years as the chairman of the governing body of a children's charity. Since 2011 he has been the Visitor of Balliol College, Oxford. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.
