

**Curriculum Vitae of
The Right Honourable Lord Jonathan Sumption**

1. Personal Background

Lord (Jonathan) Sumption is a citizen of the United Kingdom. He was born there on 9 December 1948. He married in 1971, and has three children.

2. Education

Lord Sumption was educated at Eton College and Magdalen College, Oxford. He obtained a degree in history with 1st class honours at Oxford in 1970. He was elected to a fellowship in history at Magdalen College in 1971, and studied and taught history there until 1975. In the latter part of his fellowship he combined his duties in Oxford with studying for the bar.

3. Legal Experience

Lord Sumption was called to the bar of England and Wales by Inner Temple in 1975. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1986. He practised mainly in commercial law (shipping, insurance and financial markets). As Queen's Counsel, he also developed an extensive practice in public and constitutional law.

4. Judicial Experience

Lord Sumption sat as an Assistant Recorder and the Recorder of the Crown Court between 1991 and 2001 and served as a Deputy Judge of the High Court from 1993 to 2011. He was a judge of the Courts of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey from 1995 to 2011. These were all part-time appointments. In January 2012, he was appointed directly from the Bar to the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, one of only five persons to be so honoured since the 1870s. He retired from the Supreme Court on reaching the statutory retirement age in December 2018.

5. Services and Activities related to Law

Lord Sumption was joint head of his chambers, 2005-2011. He served as a member of the Judicial Appointments Commission for England from its inception in 2006 until October 2011. He lectures regularly to academic and professional audiences on legal topics.

6. Activities outside the Legal Field

Lord Sumption is the author of a number of scholarly works on English and western European history, and is Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He has for many years been a regular book reviewer for various newspapers and academic journals. He has been a director of several cultural organisations including, currently, the Royal Academy of Music and English National Opera. He is fluent in French and reads in French, German, Italian and Spanish. Lord Sumption was appointed OBE in 2003, for services to Anglo-French cultural relations.
