

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

**1. Personal Background**

Lord (Patrick) Hodge is a citizen of the United Kingdom. He was born in Scotland on 19 May 1953. He is married with three children and three grandchildren.

**2. Education**

Lord Hodge was educated at schools in Perthshire and studied History at Cambridge University (First Class Honours) and Law at Edinburgh University (with Distinction).

**3. Legal Experience**

Lord Hodge qualified as a member of the Scottish Bar in 1983. He practised principally in Scotland. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1996. His practice was in civil law, primarily commercial and company law, but also in public law. He appeared in cases principally before the Court of Session in Edinburgh, frequently before the House of Lords, and, in one case, before the European Court of Justice.

**4. Judicial Experience**

Lord Hodge worked part-time as a Judge of the Courts of Appeal in Jersey and Guernsey between 2000 and 2005. In February 2005 he was appointed a Judge of the Court of Session. He dealt initially with criminal and general civil work (including medical negligence) before being appointed to the Commercial Court in 2008. He became Principal Commercial and Companies Judge in 2011. He was also an Intellectual Property Judge and the Exchequer Judge and served on the Lands Valuation Appeal Court. While as Principal Commercial and Company Judge he sat intermittently in the (appellate) Inner House on civil and criminal cases.

In October 2013 he was appointed as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. He also sits on the Judicial Committee of the

Privy Council. In February 2020 he became Deputy President of the Supreme Court.

## **5. Services and Activities related to Law**

Lord Hodge was involved (2006-2008) in the negotiation with the Scottish Government of the reform of the administration of the courts, which led to the establishment of the Scottish Courts Service, a board with a judicial majority to administer the courts and now also the tribunals in Scotland. He was also the Administrative Judge responsible for all first instance business in the Court of Session and the reform of the Rules of Court. He served on the Advisory Committee for the Civil Courts Review.

He was a part-time member of the Scottish Law Commission (1997-2003) before he became a judge.

He was an active member of the United Kingdom delegation to the European Network of Councils of the Judiciary from 2008 to 2013.

He is currently an Honorary Professor of Stellenbosch University, South Africa, and of the East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai and has lectured in both universities. He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Private Law in Germany. He chairs the Scottish Government's Working Party on the treatment of crypto-assets and related technology in Scots law, and lectures on law and technology. He has contributed articles to books and journals on legal topics including property law, contract law, trusts, the limits of judicial law-making, and judicial independence and the rule of law.

## **6. Other Activities**

Lord Hodge is the chairman of a charity for preserving and beautifying a historic church in Edinburgh and the patron of two charities in London, one relating to access to justice and the other to the provision of tax advice to people with health, language or financial difficulties. He is an Honorary Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.