



The Worshipful Company of Cutlers



His Honour Peter Beaumont CBE QC

Master

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Peter was born and brought up in Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. He came to Britain in 1965 to read law. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn and practised at the Criminal Bar on the South Eastern Circuit taking Silk in 1986. He was appointed a Circuit Judge in 1989 sitting at Chelmsford Crown Court before being transferred to the Central Criminal Court as a Senior Circuit Judge in 1995. He was appointed Common Serjeant in 2001 and then Recorder of London in 2004 serving at the Old Bailey until retirement in 2013. During his 18 years at the Old Bailey he was from time to time a Judicial Member of the Parole Board, on the Criminal Committee of the Judicial Studies Board, a member of the Sentencing Guidelines Council and sat as an Additional Judge of the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division. He was awarded a CBE in 2012 for services to the administration of justice.

Peter and Ann (Annie) were married in 1970 and have two children and six grandchildren. They lived for many years at Felsted in Essex where Peter was a Governor of Felsted School from 1990 to 2003 and Chairman for five years. They moved to Suffolk on Peter's retirement and live in Orford where he mows the grass, tries to grow prize winning vegetables for the village flower show and plays a lot of golf at Aldeburgh Golf Club. A member of the Travellers Club, a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn he is also a Liveryman of the Loriners' Company (Master in 2014) and an Honorary Liveryman of the Curriers' Company.