

Mr. Justice Paul Walker

Paul Walker was born in New Zealand and brought up in Australia. He studied law in England and practised as a barrister in London. His mainstream work was in shipping, insurance and other aspects of commercial law, and he acted as an arbitrator in disputes at Lloyd's under its modified arbitration procedure scheme. Over time he combined the commercial work with a substantial practice in administrative law, and became a Junior Counsel to the Crown on the common law side.

From 1994 to 1996 he took sabbatical leave to teach at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, where he was director of the NZ Institute of Public Law. Shortly after his return to the UK he was appointed counsel to the BSE Inquiry. During the Inquiry he took silk, and after some years in practice as a QC and a Recorder he became a judge of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court in 2004. He is nominated to sit in both the Commercial Court and the Administrative Court, and became President of the Administrative Appeals Chamber of the Upper Tribunal in April 2009.