

LADY BARBARA JUDGE CBE
(Formerly Barbara Thomas)

Lady Judge, a trained commercial lawyer with both British and American citizenship, has an unusually broad and successful international career as a senior executive, chairman and non-executive director in both the private and public sectors.

She received a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and Juris Doctor with honours from New York University Law School and was a partner in a major US law firm specialising in corporate and financial transactions.

In 1980 she was appointed by the President as a Commissioner of the US Securities and Exchange Commission. Thereafter she was appointed as the first woman executive director of both Samuel Montagu and subsequently News International, among others.

She was appointed a Director of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority in 2002 and became its Chairman in 2004 and was reappointed in 2007. In 2010, upon completion of her two terms, she was appointed Chairman Emeritus. At the same time she was also appointed as Chairman of the UK Pension Protection Fund. In addition she is a member of the UK Nuclear Development Forum and Chairman of The Energy Institute of University College London.

Lady Judge is a non-executive director of Statoil ASA (Norway), NV Bekaert SA (Belgium) and Magna International Inc (Canada). Previously she was Deputy Chairman of the UK Financial Reporting Council as well as a Public Member of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, among others.

In November 2010 Lady Judge was appointed by the Prime Minister as a Business Ambassador for the UK.

She is also Chairman of the International Advisory Board of SOAS and its London Middle East Institute. In addition she was the first woman member of the Board of Overseers of the Wharton School of Management and is currently a member of its Executive Board for Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Lady Judge is also a member of the UAE Advisory Board for the Development of Peaceful Nuclear Energy, International Board of Overseers at Sabanci University, Steering Committee of the Istanbul International Climate Centre and a Visiting Fellow at Oxford University, Centre for Corporate Reputation.

In June 2010 she was awarded Commander of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to the nuclear and financial services industries.