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# Simon Thorley KC

**YEAR OF CALL**: 1972 **YEAR OF SILK**: 1989

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Chambers & Partners 2014

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## Practice Overview

Simon ceased practice as an advocate in July 2014 after more than 40 years as a barrister, the last 25 as a Q.C. Simon is recognised as one of the leading practitioners in Intellectual Property and was described by Chambers and Partners as “The best advocate at the Patent Bar” in the 2014 edition.

In practice he specialised in all aspects of Intellectual Property litigation with a focus on high value technical patent cases – particularly in the field of chemistry, pharmaceuticals, life sciences, bio technology, computers and telecoms. He also maintained an active practice in the field of trade marks and passing off. He has advised in relation to a number of overseas jurisdictions including Hong Kong, Japan, South Africa and the US.

Simon appeared regularly in the higher courts in England as well as in the CJEU, the European Patent Office, the High Court of Ireland and in Hong Kong.

## Arbitration

Simon is offering his services as an arbitrator now that he has ceased practice at the Bar. Before that, this would have been inconsistent with his practice. He has however had judicial experience as a Deputy High Court Judge, as Deputy Chairman of the Copyright Tribunal and as an Appellate Judge on Trade Mark matters. He is a member of LCIA and on the panel of Arbitrators at SIAC, HKIAC and WIPO. Simon was CEDR accredited as a Mediator in 2015.

In January 2015 Simon was appointed as an International Judge in the Singapore International Commercial Court, part of the Supreme Court of Singapore.

## Publications

Co-Editor Terrell on the Law of Patents 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Editions

## Qualifications & Further Information

Keble College, Oxford. M.A. (Hons). Jurisprudence 1968-71

Called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1972

Q.C. 1989

Chairman of the IP Bar Association 1995-99

Appointed Person for Trade Mark Appeals 1996 -2003

Deputy High Court Judge 1998-2013

Deputy Chairman Copyright Tribunal 1998-2006

Treasurer of the Inner Temple 2013

CEDR Accredited Mediator 2015

**Awards**

Chambers and Partners Intellectual Property Q.C. of the Year 2006

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Managing IP Outstanding Achievement Award 2014

## Directory Quotes

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“There are few more experienced IP barristers at the Bar, as he has 24 years as a silk under his belt.” (Chambers & Partners 2014)

Simon Thorley KC is ‘one of the most experienced, exceptional and unflappable advocates at the IP Bar’ (The Legal 500 2013)