

Sir Sydney Kentridge QC

YEAR OF CALL: 1977 YEAR OF SILK: 1984

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Practice Overview

Sir Sydney Kentridge has a very wide experience of Commercial and Constitutional cases. He is widely regarded as one of the leading advocates of the 20th Century. In a career spanning nearly 60 years, he has undertaken some of the most challenging and interesting cases of the day.

In the recent past he has represented the displaced people of the Chagos Islands before the House of Lords, and appeared for the Governments of Iran and Equatorial New Guinea in actions concerning state justiciability.

Directory Quotes

"Sir Sydney Kentridge QC is "an incredible barrister," who is "authoritative" and has proved himself to be "genuinely exceptional" in the course of a lengthy career. He has recently acted for the Law Society, which is intervening in a challenge brought by Prudential which is bidding to extend legal professional privilege to non-lawyers. Those that instruct Kentridge do so as he is "so eminent, very understated, and very precise." (Chambers & Partners 2013)

"a lawyer who radiates wisdom and self-possession" (Chambers & Partners 2009)

"a truly extraordinary lawyer" (Chambers & Partners, 2009)

a "classy advocate capable of smashing his opponents' arguments." (Chambers & Partners, 2009)

"one of the greatest advocates of our generation", "in a class of his own" (Chambers & Partners, 2008)

"magisterial" (Legal 500, 2007)