

Renter Warden

Mr Richard Hawkins

Richard has lived in London throughout his life. He was educated at Hendon County School and University College London. He was called to the bar in 1963 by Lord Devlin at Gray's Inn in 1963 when he was 22 years old. He practiced at the criminal bar in London and on the South Eastern Circuit taking silk (appointed a QC) in 1984. In 1989 he was appointed a Circuit Judge in 1989 sitting at the Inner London Crown Court. In 1992 he was transferred to the Old Bailey and sat there until his retirement in 2012. Part of the summer was also spent sitting on the Western Circuit. In 1992 he was elected a Bencher of Gray's Inn.

As a young barrister working at the Old Bailey he became aware of the role of the City Corporation and the Livery Companies. On appointment to the Old Bailey he applied to become a Currier and was delighted to be accepted finding to be a friendly and intimate Livery Company. He was elected after his retirement onto the Court of the Curriers and served for 4 years.

In retirement he took part in the University of The Third Age becoming Chairman of the Kingston on Thames U3A. He is part of a poetry group and leads a group studying Shakespeare. His wife Annie runs an Art Appreciation Group and Richard is a keen member. Leisure is spent in Dorset where Richard sails X Boats in Poole Harbour. Richard and Annie have two children, Vickie who is the Director of Medecins sans Frontieres UK and Ben a Primary School Teacher in Jordan.