

# Graeme Wood

## Summary

Practice at the highest level, involvement in law programs at some of the world's leading institutions, leadership of a major transatlantic law programme, experience of civil law practice and global speaking experience.

## Career Bio

Called to the Bar in 1984, Graeme was invited by Anthony Clarke QC (now Lord Clarke JSC) to undertake his training for the Bar at 2 Essex Court (now Quadrant), a recognised leader in commercial, shipping and EU law. He cut his teeth in practice at the highest level amongst the top practitioners of the day including Nicholas Phillips, Jonathan Sumption, Jonathan Mance and Anthony Clarke, (all subsequently President and Justices of the Supreme Court). He worked closely with Nigel Teare QC (now Mr. Justice Teare), Belinda Bucknell QC and Simon Gault.

He has been involved in cases at all levels and worked on landmark commercial cases such as *The Hollandia*. He appeared in the High Court and Court of Appeal and has experience of commercial arbitration. He also experienced (and survived!) the equivalent of a 'Bushtucker trial' for an advocate in the last century – arguing a case before 'Harman the Horrible' (Mr. Justice Harman) in the Chancery Division.

Graeme has practical experience of civil law systems having been an Associate Attorney for Spanish commercial firm Ramos & Arroyo headed by Ignacio Arroyo and Franceso Ramos. During this period he lived and worked in Antonio Gaudi's renowned 'La Pedrera' building in the centre of Barcelona. He worked alongside Spanish, Italian and German lawyers.

Graeme also practised in the field of commercial property law with West End firm Fox and Gibbons founded by noted British-Israeli lawyer, Michael Fox, who also founded Herzog, Fox and Neeman, Israel's largest law firm. He has acted as consultant to major US organisations including Time Warner.

In the 1990's he built one of the most ground-breaking and dynamic legal education programs seen in the UK to date. Together with US giant Harcourt Brace, he brought practitioners from US law firms and professors from Harvard, Cornell and other leading law schools to British and Irish locations and helped hundreds of British and European lawyers to attain US legal qualifications. He worked with celebrated Los Angeles Attorney, Robert Shapiro, lead Attorney for O.J. Simpson and co-founder with Kim Kardashian of ShoeDazzle.com. In the aftermath of the acquittal of O.J. Simpson he implemented and organised Mr Shapiro's media visit to the UK.

He has delivered legal programs at the highest level including the LSE global summer school in commercial law, the European Academy of Law in Germany and the UK Trading Standards Institute. He has conducted hundreds of lectures, seminars and programs for lawyers in the UK, the EU and the Middle East. He has been an Associate Professor at ESCP one of Europe's leading business schools and for the American University of Technology in Beirut. Graeme is referenced for his academic work by the Vinerian Professor of English Law at the University of Oxford.