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LLB (Manchester), MA (Keele), Barrister (Gray's Inn) 1978, Recorder of the Crown Court Professor of Law at Keele since 2000; formerly Professor of Law at Manchester University.

My research and publications have mainly been in the field of criminal law and criminal justice, where at various times I have had a particular interest in IT related crime, and in sentencing (especially the management of sentencing discretion through guideline systems). I have also carried out research on the law relating to animals

I am currently lead supervisor for four PhD students (one full-time and three part-time). I would be willing to supervise postgraduate research in most areas of English criminal law (including IT related crime), criminal justice (especially sentencing), criminal trials, criminal evidence, and the law relating to animals.

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I contribute to the MA in Child Care Law & Practice (Youth Justice) and to the Diploma / MA in Social Work.

I would be willing to supervise Undergraduate and postgraduate dissertation students in most areas of English criminal law (including IT related crime), criminal justice (especially sentencing), criminal trials, criminal evidence, and the law relating to animals.

I was the first Chairman of the Sentencing Advisory Panel from 1999 to 2007. The Panel advised the Court of Appeal, and from 2003 the Sentencing Guidelines Council, on sentencing guidelines across the criminal courts. In 2008 I was appointed CBE for services to the criminal justice system, in recognition of this work.

Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 2000.

In 2005 I was appointed as a Recorder of the Crown Court (equivalent to Circuit Judge, but part-time). I sit on the Midland Circuit, dealing with trials on indictment (with a jury), sentencing, and appeals against conviction or sentence from magistrates' courts.

Member, Commission on English Prisons Today (chair Cherie Booth QC), 2007-2009, published report 'Do Better, Do Less' published July 2009.

Co-author (with Prof David Ormerod) of a monthly e-letter on criminal law distributed by the Judicial Studies Board to all full-time and part-time judges sitting in criminal cases.

Took part in an EU funded delegation to China in June 2009, in relation to China's use of the death penalty (led by Prof Roger Hood CBE).

