

## **THE RT HON LORD THOMAS OF GRESFORD OBE QC.**

Lord Thomas of Gresford is a graduate in classics and law of Cambridge University. He was called to the Bar in 1968 and became a Queen's Counsel in 1979 and a Bencher of Gray's Inn in 1991.

Lord Thomas has appeared in many leading cases in the Judicial Committees of the House of Lords and Privy Council and in the Supreme Court. He has also appeared as an advocate, both for the prosecution and defence, in a number of terrorist trials, and in more than 250 homicide trials and appeals, in England and Wales, Hong Kong, Singapore and the West Indies.

He is Honorary Chairman of the Association of Military Court Advocates, having acted in serious courts-martial cases both at first instance and at appellate stages.

He was appointed to the House of Lords in 1996 as a Liberal Democrat peer and has served as front bench spokesman on legal affairs ever since, in particular, as shadow Attorney General 2003 – 2006; 2007 – 2010 and shadow Lord Chancellor 2006 – 2007.

His interests include Welsh affairs and Law Reform. Outside the law and politics, he is engaged in music making – harp, piano and choral singing – and sport – rugby football, rowing, fishing and golf.