



## **THE BAILIFF OF GUERNSEY SIR RICHARD JOHN COLLAS**

Sir Richard Collas was born and brought up in Guernsey and educated at Elizabeth College. On leaving school he was awarded a King Charles I Exhibition to read Engineering Science at Jesus College, Oxford (1972 – 1975).

On graduating, he joined Lever Brothers Limited on the Unilever Management Development Scheme. He completed the exams for the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants before, in 1980, changing to Law.

After a Diploma in Law at the City University and the Bar Vocational Course at the Inns of Court School of Law, he was called to the English Bar at Gray's Inn in 1982 and, following studies at the University of Caen for the requisite Certificat d'Études Juridiques Françaises et Normandes, he was admitted as an Advocate of the Royal Court and the Guernsey Bar in 1983. He joined Collas Day & Rowland, Advocates (later known as Collas Day) where he worked alongside his father for a short period of time until his father retired.

Sir Richard remained a partner in the firm until 2005. He enjoyed a broad range of private practice also holding a number of non-executive directorships of financial services companies. He also held charitable and public appointments.

In June 2005 Sir Richard was appointed Deputy Bailiff of Guernsey, and in March 2012 he was appointed as Bailiff of Guernsey.

The Bailiff is the senior Judge in the Bailiwick of Guernsey and ex officio the President of the Guernsey Court of Appeal.

The Bailiff of Guernsey is ex-officio the Deputy Lieutenant Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey with power to act in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor, the Sovereign's representative.

The Bailiff of Guernsey is the Presiding Officer of the Island's Parliament, the States of Deliberation. Guernsey has a non party system of government and the Bailiff holds no office in any department or committee of government. The role of Presiding Officer is non-political. The Presiding Officer moderates debate and applies the Rules of Procedure. The States of Deliberation sits, normally, once per month for not more than three days each month.