

This is a list of Honorary Benchers of Gray's Inn since 1883, when the Inn first used the title.

Name and Title	Dates	Date elected
Thomas O'Hagan, Lord O'Hagan	(1812-85)	21 Dec 1883
John David Fitzgerald, Lord Fitzgerald	(1816-89)	21 Dec 1883
William Watson, Lord Watson of Thankerton	(1827-99)	14 Apr 1886
Edward Gibson, Lord Ashbourne	(1837-1913)	14 Apr 1886
William Romilly, 2nd Baron Romilly	(1835-91)	18 Dec 1889
Alexander Burns Shand, Lord Shand	(1828-1905)	23 Mar 1892
Sir Edmund Barton	(1849-1920)	6 June 1902
Sir Wilfrid Laurier	(1841-1919)	3 May 1907
Alfred Deakin	(1856-1919)	3 May 1907
William ("Billy") Morris Hughes	(1862-1952)	11 May 1916
Prof Henry Goudy	(1848-1921)	6 June 1917
James Avon Clyde, later Lord Clyde	(1863-1944)	4 Apr 1919
James Montgomery Beck	(1861-1936)	17 Nov 1920
Paul Drennan Cravath	(1861-1936)	17 Nov 1920
Sir Robert Horne, later Viscount Horne	(1871-1940)	31 Jan 1923
Lyman Poore Duff, later Sir Lyman	(1865-1955)	7 May 1924
William Watson, later Lord Thankerton	(1873-1948)	4 May 1928
William Norman Tilley	(1868-1942)	26 Apr 1933
Very Rev Walter Robert Matthews	(1881-1973)	14 Nov 1934
Sir Shadi Lal	(1874-1945)	12 Apr 1935
Robert Gordon Menzies, later Sir Robert	(1894-1978)	8 July 1935
Winston Churchill, later Sir Winston	(1874-1965)	18 Feb 1942
Franklin Delano Roosevelt	(1882-1945)	- Dec 1943
William Lyon Mackenzie King	(1874-1950)	17 July 1946
Jan Hendrik Hofmeyr	(1894-1948)	17 July 1946
Robert Falco	(1882-1960)	18 Nov 1946
Maj-Gen Iona Timofayevitch Nikitchenko	(1895-1967)	18 Nov 1946 (no evidence that he accepted)
John Clarke MacDermott, Lord MacDermott	(1896-1979)	7 May 1947
James Scott Cumberland Reid, Lord Reid of Drem	(1890-1975)	17 Nov 1948
Edward Brantwood Maufe, later Sir Edward	(1883-1974)	27 Nov 1951
Felix Frankfurter	(1882-1965)	15 Oct 1952
John Erskine Read	(1888-1973)	5 May 1953
John George Diefenbaker	(1895-1979)	20 Nov 1958
Sir Alfred Kingsley North	(1900-81)	20 July 1965
Sir Fred Pritchard	(1899-1982)	20 July 1965
Earl Warren	(1891-1974)	1 Sep 1965
Edward Richard George Heath, later Sir Edward	(1916-2005)	8 July 1970
Charles James Dalrymple Shaw, Lord Kilbrandon	(1906-89)	22 July 1971

Robert Lecourt	(1908-2004)		8 Feb 1972
John ("Jack") Ross Marshall, later Sir John	(1912-88)		2 May 1972
Sir (Edward) Denis Blundell	(1907-84)		18 Dec 1973
Nagendra Singh	(1914-88)		18 Dec 1973
Gordon William Humphreys Richardson, Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne	(1915-2010)		18 Dec 1973
Sir John (Samuel) Richardson, bart, later Lord Richardson	(1910-2004)		20 Nov 1974
Dr Trevor Cawdor Thomas	(1914-85)		20 Nov 1974
(Walter) Ian (Reid) Fraser, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton	(1911-89)		18 Dec 1974
Bernard Chenot	(1909-95)		28 Nov 1975
Vicomte Walter Jean Oscar Louis Marie Ganshof van der Meersch	(1900-93)		28 Nov 1975
Oswald Terry	(1907-83)		17 Nov 1976
Francis Henry Cowper	(1906-90)		28 July 1977
Very Rev Sydney Hall Evans	(1915-88)		2 Nov 1977
Sir Zelman Cowen	(1919-2011)		7 Feb 1978
Sir Jack Isaac Hai Jacob	(1908-2000)		19 July 1978
Alfred Thompson Denning, Lord Denning	(1899-1999)		17 Jan 1979
Sir Ellis Emmanuel Innocent Clarke	(1917-2010)		27 Nov 1979
Sir David Stuart Beattie	(1924-2001)		26 March 1980
Dr John Morris, QC	(1910-84)		23 Apr 1980
Sir Charles Russell	(1912-92)		15 Oct 1980
Most Rev Robert Alexander Kennedy Runcie	(1921-2000)		25 Nov 1980
Hon Sir Shridath Surendranath "Sonny" Ramphal			23 July 1981
Prof Alexander Chloros	(1926-82)		23 July 1981
Rt Hon Sir Ninian (Martin) Stephen			24 Nov 1981
James Wellwood	(1902-85)		3 Feb 1982
Arnold Weinstock, Lord Weinstock of Bowden	(1924-2002)		28 Apr 1982
Sandra Day O'Connor			21 July 1982
Prof Sir Guenter Treitel			3 Nov 1982
Thomas George Thomas, Viscount Tonypandy	(1909-97)		13 Dec 1982
William Philip Sidney, Lord De L'Isle & Dudley, Viscount De L'Isle	(1909-91)		13 Dec 1982
Prof Randolph Quirk, later Lord Quirk			20 Apr 1983
Derek Curtis Bok			20 July 1983
Gp-Capt (Geoffrey) Leonard Cheshire, later Lord Cheshire	(1917-92)		20 July 1983
Rt Hon Margaret Hilda Thatcher, later Baroness Thatcher	(1925-2013)		9 Nov 1983
Sir James Rufus Astwood			8 July 1985
Spyros Achilleos Kyprianou	(1932-2002)		6 Nov 1985
Prof Sir Thomas Smith, QC	(1915-88)		25 Nov 1986
Prof John Meurig Thomas			25 Nov 1986
Helen Mary Warnock, Baroness Warnock			25 Nov 1986

Rt Hon Sir Donald Murray			23 July 1987
Noor Mohamed Hassanali	(1918-2006)		4 Nov 1987
Sir David Hopkin	(1922-97)		20 Jan 1988
HRH Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg			15 June 1988
Ole Due	(1931-2005)		2 Nov 1988
Prof Ian Scott			2 Nov 1988
Benno C Schmidt Jr			22 Nov 1988
Prof Benjamin Wortley, QC	(1907-89)		19 Dec 1988
Prof Robert Heuston	(1923-95)		19 Dec 1988
Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP			16 Feb 1989
Sir Ti-Liang Yang			24 Mar 1989
Pathmanathan Ramanathan	(1932-2006)		5 July 1989
Andreas Nicolas Loizou	(1926-2002)		5 July 1989
Enoch Dumbutshena	(1920-2000)		5 July 1989
Lord Hope of Craighead			21 Nov 1989
Prof Krzysztof Skubiszewski	(1926-2010)		16 Jan 1991
David H Souter			16 Jan 1991
Dr Francis Mann	(1907-91)		2 July 1991
Ralph Francis Alnwick Grey, Lord Grey of Naunton	(1910-99)		26 Nov 1991
Prof James Crawford			26 Nov 1991
Rt Hon Sir David Edward			17 March 1992
Dame Josephine Barnes	(1912-99)		24 Nov 1992
Sir Vincent Frederick Floissac	(1928-2010)		24 Nov 1992
Hon Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed			14 Jan 1993
Prof Dr Christian von Bar			25 Nov 1993
Rt Hon Sir Robert Carswell, now Lord Carswell			25 Nov 1993
Judge Alister Kneller	(1927-2005)		23 Nov 1995
Hon Sir Joaquim Gonsalves-Sabola	(1929-2008)		23 Nov 1995
Herr Bundespräsident Roman Herzog			28 Apr 1994
Rt Hon Sir Michael Hardie Boys			24 Nov 1994
Rt Hon Alistair Nicholson			24 Nov 1994
Rt Hon Sir Michael Nicholson			24 Nov 1994
Sir Mark Weinberg			24 Nov 1994
Rt Hon Sir Anthony Campbell			24 Nov 1994
Gil Carlos Rodriguez Iglesias			23 Nov 1995
Mme Noelle Lenoir			23 Nov 1995
Rt Hon Michael Anthony De La Bastide			5 Nov 1996
Rt Hon Sir John Sheil			5 Nov 1996
Rev Canon Eric James	(1925-2012)		16 Dec 1997
Rt Hon Sir Brian Kerr, now Rt Hon Lord Kerr of Tonaghmore			16 Dec 1997
Hon Henry Litton			15 Dec 1998
Matthew Ngulube			15 Dec 1998
Judge Stephen H Schwebel			15 Dec 1998
Prof Dr Guido Alpa			15 Dec 1998
Prof Dr Jutta Limbach			15 Dec 1998
Hon Mrs Lavinia Wallop			15 Dec 1998
Rt Hon Sir Paul Girvan, now Rt Hon Lord Justice Girvan			15 Dec 1998

Sir Charles Frossard	(1922-2012)		25 Nov 1999
Guy Canivet			25 Nov 1999
Rt Hon Sir Liam McCollum			25 Nov 1999
Rt Hon Sir Patrick Coghlin, now Rt Hon Lord Justice Coghlin			25 Nov 1999
Clarence Thomas			23 Nov 2000
Hon Louise Arbour			23 Nov 2000
Richard Banda			23 Nov 2000
Hon Sir John Gillen			23 Nov 2000
Sir John Collyear			23 Nov 2000
Prof Paul Craig			23 Nov 2000
David Machin			23 Nov 2000
Hon Dame Silvia Cartwright			22 Nov 2001
Prof Dr Dr Claus-Dieter Ehlermann			22 Nov 2001
Hon Sir Richard McLaughlin			22 Nov 2001
General the Lord Ramsbotham			22 Nov 2001
Rt Hon Dame Joan Sawyer			22 Nov 2001
Arthur Marriott, QC	(1943-2015)		22 Nov 2001; elected a Full Bencher Sep 2012
John Clitheroe			14 Nov 2002
Rt Hon Harriet Harman, MP			14 Nov 2002
Rt Hon Beverley McLachlin			14 Nov 2002
Hon Justice Anthony Smellie			14 Nov 2002
Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve			14 Nov 2002
Rt Hon Lord Woolf			13 Nov 2003
Ahmad Tejan Kabbah	(1932-2014)		13 Nov 2003
Hon Sir Ronald Weatherup			13 Nov 2003
Prof Baron Walter van Gerven	(1935-2015)		13 Nov 2003
Joshua Rozenberg			13 Nov 2003
Tyronne Fernando	(1941-2008)		13 Nov 2003
Dominique de Villepin			26 Feb 2004
Sir David Brewer			11 Nov 2004
Judge Dominique Hascher			11 Nov 2004
Hon Geoffrey Ma Tao-Li			11 Nov 2004
Michael Napier			11 Nov 2004
Hon John Dyson Heydon			7 Dec 2004
Katherine Dandrieux Lisfranc			10 Nov 2005
Peter Stockwell			10 Nov 2005
Peter Hurst			9 Nov 2006
Judge Johann Kriegler			9 Nov 2006
Timothy Workman			9 Nov 2006
Most Rev & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu			9 Nov 2006
Prof Paul Davies			18 Jan 2007
Prof David Ibbetson			8 Nov 2007
Rt Hon Lord Patten of Barnes			8 Nov 2007
Hon Lady Smith			8 Nov 2007
Hon Tan Sri Dato' Seri Siti Norma Yaakob			8 Nov 2007
Maj-Gen David Jenkins			4 Apr 2008
Dorit Beinisch			2 Oct 2008
Rt Hon Lord Dear			2 Oct 2008

Hon Robert French			2 Oct 2008
Prof Dame Hazel Genn			2 Oct 2008
Sir Geoffrey Rowland			2 Oct 2008
Rt Hon Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers			2 Oct 2008
Justice Sonia Sotomayor			8 Oct 2009
Prof Jane Stapleton			8 Oct 2009
Martin Shaw			21 Oct 2010
Prof Jan Paulsson			21 Oct 2010
Hon Justice Susan Crennan			21 Oct 2010
Her Ladyship the Hon Justice Uma Hawa Tejan-Jalloh			21 Oct 2010
Prof David Wootton			10 Feb 2011
His Honour Neil Denison			13 Oct 2011
Monty Raphael QC			13 Oct 2011
Dame Ursula Brennan			13 Oct 2011
Robert Coren			18 Oct 2012
Dame Janet Gaymer			18 Oct 2012
Judge Howard Riddle			18 Oct 2012
Prof Sir John Baker			17 Oct 2013
Dr Tim McInerney			17 Oct 2013
Judge Dean Spielmann			17 Oct 2013
Hon Mr Justice Robert Tang			17 Oct 2013
Robert Swannell			9 Oct 2014
District Judge Michael Walker			9 Oct 2014
Mme Françoise Kamara			9 Oct 2014
Hon Justice Susan Kiefel			13 Nov 2014
Sir Richard Collas			14 Oct 2015
Master Barbara Fontaine			14 Oct 2015
Neil MacGregor			14 Oct 2015
Prof Richard Susskind			14 Oct 2015