

Lord Lester of Herne Hill

Lord (Anthony) Lester of Herne Hill QC is a practising member of Blackstone Chambers, and a Liberal Democrat Life Peer. He specialises in constitutional and administrative law and European human rights law. He was Special Adviser to the Home Secretary (the Rt.Hon. Roy Jenkins) from 1974-76, with responsibility for policy advice on human rights, notably in developing legislation to combat sex and race discrimination. He campaigned for thirty years for a British Bill of Rights, and introduced two Private Members' Bills to incorporate the European Human Rights Convention into UK law.

Anthony Lester has argued many leading cases involving threats to liberty and equality (including cases on free speech and on discrimination) before English courts, both European courts and senior Commonwealth courts.

He is a founder and Honorary President of INTERIGHTS (the International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights), and played a leading role on the ten international judicial colloquia on human rights law which developed the Bangalore Principles. He is co-editor of Lester, Pannick and Herberg, *Human Rights Law and Practice* (3rd edition, 2009), LexisNexis, and General Editor of *Butterworths Human Rights Cases*, and co-author, with G. Bindman, of *Race and Law* (Penguin Books 1972).

He is a founding member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights, and has introduced Private Member's Bills in the House of Lords on civil partnerships, civil protection against forced marriages, constitutional reform, equality, and, most recently, defamation law reform.