

Sir Jeffrey Jowell

Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC is Emeritus Professor of Public Law at University College London where he was Dean and Head of the Law Faculty and Vice Provost. He is a practising barrister at Blackstone Chambers in London specialising in public law (including constitutional, administrative, human rights and the design and implementation of national constitutions).

He was the inaugural Director of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law from 2010 to 2015, established to advance the rule of law worldwide, where he advised on rule of law standards internationally. From 2000-2011 he was the UK's member on the Council of Europe's Commission for Democracy through Law (known as 'The Venice Commission').

He has received a number of honorary degrees and awards for his work in the drafting of several national constitutions and his leading publications in the area of constitutional and administrative law, including the rule of law.

He holds honorary degrees from the Universities of Cape Town, Athens, Paris and Ritsumeikan. He is an Honorary Fellow of University College London and Hertford College Oxford. He has variously been listed as one of *The Times'* 100 most influential lawyers.

In 2011 he was knighted for services to human rights, democracy and the rule of law. In 2016 he was awarded the National Order of the Southern Cross by the President of Brazil for his contribution to constitutionalism and the rule of law internationally. In 2020 he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

His authority as an academic commentator is reflected in many citations to his work in the judgments of courts in the UK and abroad. His many publications include the standard text on Judicial Review (with Lord Woolf et al): *de Smith's Judicial Review* (8th ed. 2018) and (with Professor Colm O'Conneide), *The Changing Constitution* (9th ed. 2019).

Jowell was born in Cape Town, where he first studied and became active in the student resistance to the apartheid regime.