



Alderman Fiona Woolf CBE
Lord Mayor of the City of London

Alderman Fiona Woolf took office as the 686th Lord Mayor of the City of London on Friday 8th November 2013. Alderman Woolf is a solicitor having studied Law at the Universities of Keele and Strasbourg. She worked in the corporate and banking fields at Clifford Chance for 5 years, before moving to CMS Cameron McKenna. She ran its banking and project finance practice in Bahrain for 3 years and negotiated the Treaty and the Concession Agreement for the Channel Tunnel on her return.

Having played key roles in the water and electricity privatisations, Fiona built an innovative energy and major projects practice. Her career has taken her to 40 jurisdictions, advising over 25 governments and multi-lateral agencies such as the World Bank, on attracting investment in infrastructure and energy reforms. Her focus has been on regulation, market implementation and major projects in the electricity industry – culminating in a CBE for her contribution to the UK knowledge economy and invisible earnings. She is a non-executive director of Affinity Water Ltd. She was awarded a senior fellowship at Harvard University in 2001/2 and honorary doctorates by Keele University and the College of Law.

Fiona Woolf was Chairman of the International Committee of the Law Society and a WTO negotiator, in which capacity she supported Lord Mayors' overseas visits in the 1990s. She was elected as President of the Law Society in 2006, serving for a year, and was a Member of the Competition Commission from 2005-13.

Fiona Woolf was elected as Alderman for the Ward of Candlewick in 2007 and is President of its Ward Club. She is the Junior Warden of the City of London Solicitors' Company, Honorary Court Assistant of the Worshipful Company of Builders' Merchants, a Court Assistant of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers and of the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers. She is a Liveryman of the Arbitrators' Company and an Honorary Liveryman of the Worshipful Companies of the Security Professionals, Paviers, Fuellers, Turners and Lightmongers.

Alderman Woolf is Trustee of Raleigh International, a charity that captures the energy of young people to be the agents of sustainable development in very poor rural communities. She is President of the Chelsea Opera Group that provides a platform for young professional singers and conductors as well as amateurs to perform opera in concert.

Fiona Woolf is married to Nicholas, a chartered accountant and tax adviser who is a past Master of the Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers. They have a daughter, Elizabeth (who is joint Chaplain to Fiona during her Mayoralty) and a son, Christopher. Her outside interests include music, fine art, furniture history and turned wood. For more information please visit Fiona's website: www.fionawoolf.com

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