



## Laurie Watt

Laurie Watt qualified as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 1970. Having trained with Messrs. Cole & Cole in Oxford. He joined Charles Russel & Co, now, Charles Russell Speechlys in 1972, where he became a partner in 1974, and, of whom, he became Senior Partner in 1998. He was re-elected twice until 2006 when he stepped down and became Senior Counsel with the firm until 2017.

He specialised in Commercial Litigation of all types with an emphasis in the latter part of his career on international cases. He took over responsibility for the firm's Government Clientele in the late 1970's until 2006. And in that capacity Laurie represented the firm at every Commonwealth Law Conference since 1983 in Hong Kong (save one). He became more directly involved in the Commonwealth Lawyers Association in 2008, as Treasurer and, with most presidents being beyond the seas, as Chair of its Executive Committee in 2008 and has, in that role, continued to attend and be involved in organising the Conferences.