



Ex-Old Bailey top judge heads for Serjeants' Inn

A former recorder of London, the most senior judge at the Old Bailey, has joined Serjeants' Inn Chambers, the set announced yesterday.

Brian Barker, QC, retired from the bench in 2015 after two years in the top post and 15 years sitting in the country's most famous crown court.

Since retiring from the Old Bailey, Barker conducted an inquest into the death of Cheryl James, the army private who died at Deepcut barracks in 1995.

Also moving to Serjeants' Inn is Dijen Basu, QC, who jumps from 5 Essex Court in the Temple. Dijen worked on the first 12 pre-inquest review hearings in relation to the inquest into the death of the Russian whistleblower Alexander Perepilichnyy, in which he represented Surrey police. He is also a qualified doctor and was appointed as a crown court recorder in 2009.