

Election of Sheriffs for the City of London Candidature of Alderman Gregory Jones KC

To the members of the Livery of the City of London

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to be supported by my colleagues of the Court of Aldermen as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of the City of London for 2024/25. I offer myself to the Livery at Common Hall on Monday, 24 June and would be most grateful for your support.



Born in Kent, I passed the 11+ and went to Colfe's School in Lewisham as an Exhibitor - a school linked with the Leathersellers' Company. The first person in my family to go to university, I studied law at New College, Oxford (MA) where I was President of the Oxford Law Society and Treasurer of the Oxford Union. After working as a *stagiaire* at the European Commission in Brussels, I was called to bar by Lincoln's Inn. I took an LLM at UCL and spent a period in Luxembourg with the European Court of Justice.

I practice law at Francis Taylor Building, Temple specialising in infrastructure, planning, environmental, climate change and EU related law. I also practice from the Bar Library in Belfast and the Law Library in Dublin. I was appointed by the Irish government to chair a review of An Bord Pleanála in 2015/2016. I am a Bencher of both Lincoln's Inn and the Inner Temple, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Manchester and an associate member of KBW Chambers in Leeds. I have also authored several leading legal texts.

As Sheriff, I would support the Lord Mayor in his goals in collaboration with my fellow Sheriff. More specifically, I plan to promote the rule of law. The Old Bailey is a great platform for me to champion the symbiotic relationship between the law and the City. Planned events include a series of high-quality lectures and receptions. I intend to engage the livery in the delivery of these events, not least, in the promotion of English wine!

A Liveryman of the Leathersellers' Company where I have served as Third Warden, I am also a Liveryman of the Butchers' and Arbitrators' companies. I am also a Freeman of the Stationers' and Founders' Companies. I am joint patron of the Farringdon Ward Club and a member of the City Livery Club. Elected a Common Councilman for Farringdon Without in 2012, I became Alderman for the Ward in 2017. I chair both the Magistracy & Livery and the Emanuel Hospital Sub-Committees. I am Deputy Chair of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Woods & Queen's Park Committee. I am a Board Member of the Museum of London and Trustee of the Hon the Irish Society.

My wife Rosali is a Freeman of the Drapers' Company. A solicitor and a senior partner in Simmons & Simmons specialising in financial markets, she is also a qualified music teacher, school governor and Fordwich Town Councillor. I am grateful for her support and that of my children.

I have the honour to be, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, your obedient servant.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory Jones', written in a cursive style.

Alderman Gregory Jones KC