

**Sir David Alexander Ogilvy Edward** [KCMG PC QC FRSE](#) (born in [Perth](#) 14 November 1934) is a Scottish lawyer and academic, and former Judge of the [Court of Justice of the European Communities](#). In 1990 he became a Fellow of [The Royal Society of Edinburgh](#).

### Education

Edward was educated at [Clifton Hall School](#) and [Sedbergh School](#). He studied Classics at [University College, Oxford](#), taking a break midway for [National Service](#) in the Navy (HMS Hornet, 1956–57), and Law at the [University of Edinburgh](#).

David Edward married Elizabeth McSherry in 1962, they have 2 daughters and 2 sons.

### Advocate in Scotland – the Bar

Edward was called to the [Bar](#) in 1962 and appointed [Queen's Counsel](#) in 1974. He subsequently served as Clerk and then Treasurer of the Faculty, and represented the Faculty at the Consultative Committee of the Bars and Law Societies of the European Community,<sup>[6]</sup> of which he served as President between 1978–80. Edward was a Director of [The Harris Tweed Authority](#) from 1984–89. He is Honorary [Bencher](#) of [Gray's Inn](#).

### Academic Career

He was Salvesen Professor of European Institutions and Director of the [Europa Institute](#) at the [School of Law](#) of the [University of Edinburgh](#) from 1985 to 1989, during which time he served on three occasions as Specialist Adviser to the [House of Lords Select Committee](#) on the [European Communities](#). He is an Honorary Fellow of [University College, Oxford](#).

David Edward is Professor Emeritus of the [School of Law](#) of the [University of Edinburgh](#), and Chairman of its Europa Institute. He is a fellow of the [Royal Society of Edinburgh](#), and in 2005 received the Society's Royal Gold Medal.

### Judge at the European Court of Justice, Court of Justice of the EU

In 1989, he was appointed one of the inaugural Judges of the newly created European [Court of First Instance](#), and in 1992 was appointed Judge of the [European Court of Justice](#), a position from which he retired in 2004.

"A True European", a collection of essays for Sir David Edward, was published on his retirement

### Later career

Edward sat as a temporary judge of the [Court of Session](#) in Scotland, hearing civil appeals, until 2009. . He was the Chairman of the [Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland](#) and was Chair of the Scottish Council of Independent Schools from 2005 to 2010.

In 2011, he was appointed as the Honorary President of the [Scottish Arbitration Centre](#).<sup>[11]</sup> Edward is an active Member of the Panel of Arbitrators, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

Edward was a member of the [Commission on Scottish Devolution](#) chaired by Professor Sir [Kenneth Calman](#), [Chancellor](#) of the [University of Glasgow](#). He was a member of the UK Commission on a Bill of Rights, 2011–12. Edward published an influential analysis of the position in [European Union law](#) if there were a vote in favour of Scottish independence in the

[Scottish independence referendum, 2014](#) as well as an opinion on Scotland's position in the [European Union](#) in a 2013/14 memorial to [Alan Rodger, Baron Rodger of Earlsferry](#).

### **Honours and distinctions**

David Edward was appointed a Knight Commander of the [Order of St Michael and St George](#) in 2004, having been made a Companion of that Order in 1981, and in December 2005 was sworn into the [Privy Council](#). Edward was awarded the Distinguished Cross, first class, [Order of St. Raymond of Peñafort](#) (Spain) in 1979, [Orden de San Raimundo de Peñafort, Cruz Distinguida (Primera Clase)], and in 2012 the Republic of France appointed him as an Officer of the [Legion of Honour](#) (Officier de la Légion d'honneur) and Chevalier de l'[Ordre des Arts et des Lettres](#).