

A barrister (also known as barrister-at-law or Bar-at-law) is a type of lawyer in common law jurisdictions with a split legal profession. Barristers specialise in courtroom advocacy and litigation. Their tasks include taking cases in courts and tribunals, drafting legal pleadings, research the philosophy, hypothesis and history of law, and giving expert legal opinions. Often, barristers are also recognised as legal scholars.

Barristers are distinguished from solicitors, who have more direct access to clients, and may do transactional-type legal work. Barristers are rarely hired by clients directly but instead are retained (or instructed) by solicitors to act on behalf of clients. Also, barristers can be appointed as judges,

Conway Hall Based in Holborn, Conway Hall is home to leading speakers and artists and is the landmark of London's independent intellectual, political and cultural life.
Denigrate - *verunglimpfen*, besmirch, disparage, slander

hoedown. 1. redneck gathering, usually involves shouting catchy phrases like "yee-haw" and "the south will rise again" 2. what a pimp says to his merchandise 3. Dance (US)

Leveson Inquiry - re Sun etc. and phone-tapping (dead children etc)

Queen's Counsel (postnominal QC), during the reign of a male sovereign known as King's Counsel (KC), are senior lawyers in various Commonwealth countries.

They are appointed by letters patent to be one of "Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law". **They are not a separate type of lawyer.** They are more than long serving lawyers, because their status is given by the Crown and recognised by the courts.

Queen's Counsel have the privilege of sitting within the Bar of court, and wear silk gowns of a special design (hence the informal title Silks). The special robes are the reason why becoming a QC is often called "taking silk".

In order to "take silk" a lawyer usually has to serve as a barrister or a Scottish advocate for at least 10 years. Recently solicitors have also been appointed Queen's Counsel.

A QC's status means they generally charge higher fees than ordinary barristers, and always have another barrister as an assistant. This assistant is called a "junior" even if the junior has been a lawyer longer than the "silk".

philtrum *Oberlippenrinne*

po-faced - looking too serious

roadie - man who accompanies a band (*Begleiter*) re Fiona's youth in N'c
(NB at 16 sex yes, cider and beer)

Scrubs - a US tv comedy series/ scrubbing up before an op/ bushes etc.-