



Elsbeth Hughes-Penney

Consort of Robert Hughes-Penney, Sheriff of the City of London 2025-6

Elsbeth was born and brought up in Yorkshire and went on to read law at Nottingham University.

After law school in Chester and completing her training as a solicitor in London, specialised in corporate finance and corporate law in the investment and insurance company sectors, while also advising on employment law, subsequently becoming an associate partner.

She took time out to bring up their three children, although continued as an employment law consultant until their youngest was born. Their older two children work in the City and the youngest is studying Theology at university.

She completed the FT Non-Executive Diploma in 2012, with a view to developing a portfolio career. More recently, since qualifying as a Spiritual Director, has the privilege of providing space for people to reflect upon and deepen their spiritual lives.

She is a Freeman of the Goldsmiths' Company and sits on the Advisory Committee of the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund.

She looks forward to being more actively involved with the Old Bailey and is particularly motivated by the statue of one of her ancestors, the prison reformer Elizabeth Fry, which stands in the Great Hall!

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