



Robert Webb QC

Rob Webb QC currently chairs Dark Trace, a leading cybersecurity business but is stepping down in advance of its anticipated flotation later this year to allow a younger Chair lead it from flotation onwards.

Robert's career at the Bar as a QC was latterly much involved in 'mass disasters' and multi-forum issues. For example, the recovery for insurers of much of the Kuwait Airways fleet in Gulf War I; the sinking of the Herald of Free Enterprise at Zeebrugge; the shooting down of the Korean Airline flight KAL 007 by the Russians. He was also Counsel to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for a decade, fighting specialist cases in this area, in Europe and in the UK. After leaving the Bar for commercial life, for ten years Rob was General Counsel, British Airways and a non-executive Director of the London Stock Exchange (retiring as Senior Independent Director in 2015). He left British Airways and went on to be a Director of a number of public companies: Chairman of Autonomy (a FTSE 100 company), BBC Worldwide (the commercial arm of the BBC) and Senior Independent Director of Argent Group (the property company developing Kings Cross). Between 2012 and 2015 he was General Counsel, Rolls-Royce Plc, working with the board on many of the complex international and organisational issues arising for the company at that time. He was a Recorder of the Crown Court from 1993-1998 and has arbitrated as well as argued a great number of commercial and aviation disputes in the UK and around the world. He is also an Advisor to the Charing in Practice programme.