

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
Director of Estates - Press Release

Middle Temple appoints new Director of Estates

[The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple](#) has appointed a new Director of Estates to lead the stewardship of the organisation's historic estate.

Roddy Houston will take over from Ian Garwood, who is retiring next year after 30 years as Director.

The role is responsible for conserving and asset managing Middle Temple's estate which includes its 16th Century Hall, 43 other buildings, 23 of which are listed, gardens and public spaces, and, with Inner Temple, the joint upkeep of 12th Century Temple Church.

Sir Christopher Ghika, Under Treasurer of Middle Temple, said, "I am delighted to welcome Roddy to the Inn. Conserving our unique estate for future generations and overseeing the activity which takes place on the estate is critical to the Inn's future. Roddy's wealth of experience will be invaluable as he takes over from Ian who has so successfully preserved and managed our very special estate".

Roddy started his real estate career with Knight Frank & Rutley, working with Coopers & Lybrand and KPMG Consulting before joining Land Securities Trillium as an Asset Management Director. After 2 years seconded into the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, he spent six years as Deputy Director – London at the Government Property Agency. Since 2023, he has been an independent consultant, working with various clients, via Avison Young and Inner Circle Consulting.

He chairs the [Cambridge University Land Society's Commercial Property Forum](#) and the RICS's [Commercial Property Professional Group Panel](#), and sits on its [Knowledge & Practice Committee](#).

Roddy said: "I'm thrilled and honoured to join Middle Temple.

"A major part of the role is ensuring the Estate remains the preferred home for future generations of Middle Temple barristers. We therefore need to balance conservation & heritage with sustainability & resilience: to both preserve the look & feel of this beautiful Estate and seek, over time, to adapt these buildings to better handle technology and the impact of climate change. I'm looking forward to applying all I've learned to building on the legacy of this great Estate."

Roddy will spend six months working in the Estates Department before assuming the role in April 2027.

About Middle Temple

Middle Temple is one of the four historic Inns of Court which have the exclusive right to Call students to the Bar. Located in central London, minutes from Temple tube station, between Fleet Street and the Thames, its role is to educate and train barristers. It also acts as a professional membership society worldwide with a heritage estate housing barristers' chambers.

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