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The late Tom Bingham, who died in September 2010, was arguably the most notable English judge of the twentieth century. An outspoken supporter of the Human Rights Act 1998, he held many of the most senior roles in the judiciary, acting as Queen's Bench judge, Lord Justice of Appeal, Master of the Rolls, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, and Senior Law Lord, before his retirement in 2008.

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