

Alumnus profile: Mr John Crabtree, OBE

Programme: [LLB Bachelor of Laws \(undergraduate/courses/law/law-llb.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/law/law-llb.aspx) (1970)

Appointments:

I am fortunate to hold a wide range of interests and my experience at Birmingham certainly helped me in my career.

Wragge & Co: (<http://www.wragge.com/>)

- Head of Corporate 1983-1991
- Managing Partner 1991-1993
- Senior Partner 1993 – 2003

Current appointments:

- Chairman of Birmingham Hippodrome
- Chair of Staffline Recruitment plc.
- Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre Trust, President
- Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands
- Glenn Howells Architects, Chairman
- Kemp Hospice, Patron
- Opus Restaurant Limited, Director
- Real Estate Investors Plc, Chairman
- Sense, the national charity for the deafblind, Chair
- SLR Holdings Limited, Chairman
- Staffline Recruitment plc, Director
- TruckEast, Chairman
- White & Black LLP, Chairman
- Worcester Warriors, Director



What has been the highlight of your career (or other personal achievements) to date?

It would probably be the receipt of a number of awards, both as a lawyer (my degree at Birmingham) and for other areas of my life.

Awards include:

- Birmingham Law Society's first Lawyer of the Year 2002
- UK's Lawyer of the year, 2003
- Birmingham Law Society's Lifetime Achievement Award 2003
- The Variety Club's Midlands Businessman of the Year, 2004
- High Sheriff, County of West Midlands 2006/07
- OBE Queen's Birthday Honours, 2007
- **[Birmingham Post Lifetime Achievement Award 2012](http://www.birminghampost.net/birmingham-business/birmingham-business-news/business-awards/2012/10/14/birmingham-post-business-awards-lifetime-achievement-award-for-john-crabtree-65233-32078419/)** (<http://www.birminghampost.net/birmingham-business/birmingham-business-news/business-awards/2012/10/14/birmingham-post-business-awards-lifetime-achievement-award-for-john-crabtree-65233-32078419/>)

I have also been involved in several major appeals during my career including the Hippodrome's £35 million redevelopment and raising over £2.5 million for Sense, the national charity for the deafblind.

What are your plans for the future?

Take every day as it comes...