

## ROBERTS, Sir ERNEST HANDFORTH GOODMAN (1890 - 1969), judge

**Name:** Ernest Handforth Goodman Roberts  
**Date of birth:** 1890  
**Date of death:** 1969  
**Parent:** Elizabeth Roberts (née Lewis)  
**Parent:** Hugh Goodman Roberts  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** judge  
**Area of activity:** Law  
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Born in Pen-y-ffordd, Flintshire, 20 April 1890, the only son of Hugh Goodman Roberts and his wife Elizabeth (née Lewis). He was educated at Malvern College and Trinity College, Oxford; he was president of the Oxford Union in 1914. During World War I he served with the Royal Welch Fusiliers and rose to the rank of captain. He served in Palestine. He was mentioned in despatches and was an officer in the military court. In the meantime he was called to the Bar (1916). He contested the Flintshire seat for the Conservatives in 1923 and won it in 1924, continuing as an M.P. until 1929. He was knighted in 1936 and was the Chief Justice of the High Court in Rangoon from that year until 1948. The following year he was made a King's Counsellor and was an Assize commissioner in a number of circuits eighteen times between 1949-55, and deputy chairman of Flintshire Quarter Sessions until 1961. He was a member of the Representative Body of the Church in Wales, 1916-36 and 1947-59, and chancellor of the dioceses of Bangor, 1947-59, and Chelmsford, 1950-69. He published *Principles of the law of contract* (1923). He was unmarried and died 14 February 1969 at his London home.

### Author

Evan David Jones, (1903 - 1987)

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