

## Mehmooda Duke MBE DL

Mehmooda graduated from Cambridge 1989 and began life as a teacher before re-training

and qualifying as a solicitor in 1994. Having trained in London she specialised as a Clinical Negligence Lawyer. She spent much of the first 10 years of her legal career in London representing the NHS and working for three leading defendant firms; Hempsons, Capsticks and Browne Jacobson. She also worked in house at the MDU as was Head of Legal Services at an NHS Trust in the East Midlands before setting up a niche law firm in Leicester in 2003, representing claimants who had suffered harm as a result of clinical



negligence. She is currently Managing Director of Moosa-Duke Solicitors.

In 2015 she became the first female Asian President in Leicestershire Law Society's 155 year history, and only the seventh woman to hold the position.

In 2017 Mehmooda was commissioned as a Deputy Lieutenant of Leicestershire, and later the same year was named as Leicestershire's Business Women of the Year in the annual Leicester Mercury Business Awards. In 2019, Mehmooda was awarded an MBE.

Mehmooda is a member of the Women in Philanthropy movement, a member of Leicester University's governing Council, and is a member of the Advisory Board of Leicestershire County Cricket Club. She gives much of her free time to supporting local charities and empowering young Asian women through mentoring.

She enjoys walking, cooking and reading in her spare time.