

# DOMINIC RAAB

## EXECUTIVE PROFILE

An international lawyer, who trained in the City and practised at the Foreign Office, advising on shipping, investment protection and war crimes. Moved into politics, holding six Cabinet posts including Foreign Secretary, and the first ever Deputy Prime Minister to two Prime Ministers. Deputised for the Prime Minister during COVID. Extensive executive experience, particularly in international affairs, national security, geopolitical risk and the Indo-Pacific.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Deputy Prime Minister, Justice Secretary and Lord Chancellor** 2021-2022

Served as Deputy Prime Minister, chairing Cabinet sub-committees, responding to Prime Ministers Questions, and deputising for the Prime Minister (PM).

Published the UK Bill of Rights, and the Victims and Prisoner Bill.

Increased the volume of prisoners in work within 6 months of release by 2/3. Chaired a cross-government task force that saw the volume of rape convictions increase by 2/3.

**Foreign Secretary and First Secretary of State** 2019-2021

Deputised for the PM for 5 weeks, when hospitalised with COVID. Chaired the National Security Council, UN Security Council and G7. Hosted with the PM the G7 Leaders' Summit at Carbis Bay.

Merged Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development. Made £4 billion of savings from the aid budget, required by moving from 0.7% to 0.5% of GDP funding, safeguarding priorities on C19 vaccine funding, climate finance and girls' education.

Published *Global Britain in a Competitive Age* in 2021, the UK's ten-year international strategy, focusing on Britain's comparative advantage in tech, trade and financial services, the need to adjust to hybrid security threats, and the long-term Indo-Pacific tilt in UK foreign policy.

Secretary of State responsible for MI6 and GCHQ, including warrants and oversight.

Negotiated the UK-India Road Map, concluded by respective Prime Ministers, securing Comprehensive Strategic Partner status for the UK, and paving the way for a UK-India FTA. Secured Dialogue Partner (DP) status for the UK in the Association of South East Asian Nations.

Passed the UK's Sergei Magnitsky law, the first ever UK human rights sanctions legislation. Chaired the task force granting Hong Kong residents British National Overseas status, a path to UK citizenship – the largest scheme since the exodus of Indian Ugandans under Idi Amin.

**Brexit Secretary, Department for Exiting the EU** 2018  
**Housing Minister, Ministry of Communities, Housing and Local Government** 2018  
**Courts Minister, Ministry of Justice** 2017-2018  
**Minister for Human Rights,** 2015-2016  
**MP for Esher & Walton, elected 2010** 2010 – Present  
**Chief of Staff, Shadow Home and Justice Secretaries, House of Commons** 2006-2009

**Foreign & Commonwealth Office** 2000-2006

*First Secretary, The Hague* 2003-2006  
FCO lawyer posted to The Hague, representing the UK at the international courts. Successfully negotiated UK information sharing, witness relocation and prison agreements with the Yugoslavia War Crimes Tribunal and International Criminal Court - including the agreement under which Radovan Karadzic was transferred to the UK in 2021 to serve his sentence.

*FCO legal adviser, FCO, London* 2000-2003  
Negotiating Bilateral Investment Agreements, including with Vietnam and Iran.

Negotiating international rules and agreements, post 9/11, including in the International Maritime Organisation, on the interdiction of ships carrying WMD, terrorists or drugs.

Negotiated the agreement, after 9/11, to open the US military airbase on Ascension Island to civil aviation. Advised on the rules governing the militarisation of outer space.

Member of the FCO team negotiating the completion of the work of the Yugoslavia Tribunal, and the establishment of the new, permanent, International Criminal Court.

**Linklaters, law firm** 1998-2000

Qualified as a solicitor in 2000, training in competition and WTO law (in London and Brussels), litigation, project and asset finance, and on secondment at the human rights NGO, Liberty.

## EDUCATION

**Jesus College Cambridge** 1998  
LLM in international law, 1<sup>st</sup> class honours, Clive Parry Prize for International Law

**College of Law, Store Street, London**  
Legal Practice Course, Commendation 1997

**Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford**  
Jurisprudence, 2:1 1996

**Dr Challoners Grammar School, Amersham** 1986-1992

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Raised £25,000 for Shooting Star Child Hospices in 2021, skydiving from 15,000 feet
- 'Campaigning Politician of the Year', Sergei Magnitsky Human Rights Awards 2017
- 'Newcomer of the Year', Parliamentarian of the Year Awards, 2011
- Former Trustee, Fight for Peace, a boxing and martial arts academy in Newham
- Author of *The Assault on Liberty* (2009) and *Britannia Unchained* (2012), and guest columnist since 2010 for *The Sunday Times*, *The Financial Times* and *The Daily Telegraph*
- Black belt 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan karate, former UK Southern Regions Champion and British squad
- Member, Law Society