

## BOWEN, IVOR (1862 - 1934), K.C., county court judge

**Name:** Ivor Bowen  
**Date of birth:** 1862  
**Date of death:** 1934  
**Parent:** John Bowen Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** K.C., county court judge  
**Area of activity:** Law  
**Author:** John Lias Cecil Cecil-Williams

Born at Bridgend, Glamorganshire, son of **J. Bowen Jones**, Independent minister. After leaving school he entered the service of a bank in London, and from September 1883 dropped the surname Jones and adopted that of Bowen. He was admitted a student of Gray's Inn, 3 November 1886, was called to the Bar 3 July 1889, and for some years practised at Cardiff, being revising barrister (South Wales Circuit) from 1905 to 1912; in the latter year he became a K.C. and was elected a Bencher of Gray's Inn. His legal offices included those of recorder of Merthyr Tydfil (1914-15), Swansea (1915-18), county court judge, Mid Wales Circuit (1918-33), treasurer of Gray's Inn (1923).

An essay on the derivation and history of the name of the county of Brecon won him the prize at the Brecon eisteddfod, 1889. His publications include *The Statutes of Wales*, 1908, *The Great Enclosures of Common Lands in Wales*, 1914, 'John Williams of Gloddaeth, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England' (*The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion* 1927-8) and 'Grand Juries, Justices of the Peace and Quarter Sessions in Wales' (*The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion* 1933-4). He left in manuscript a work entitled 'The King's Court of Great Sessions.'

In World War I he assisted in raising the 15th and 18th Battalions, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, i.e. the London Welsh Battalions, and commanded the latter battalion; a plaque in Gray's Inn commemorates the raising of these battalions. He died 2 January 1934.

### Author

Sir **John Lias Cecil Cecil-Williams**, (1892)

### Sources

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