

RICHARD BOTTOMLEY

CALL: 2013



OVERVIEW

Richard specialises in commercial litigation, property litigation and professional negligence.

He frequently appears in the High Court, both led and unled, with substantial experience of complex and high-value trials. Having undertaken pupillage at a leading criminal set, Richard prides himself on his advocacy particularly his cross-examination. Prior to coming to the bar, Richard worked at the Texas Defender Service in Houston representing clients on death row.

EXPERTISE

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION & ARBITRATION

Richard's commercial practice covers contractual disputes, partnership and shareholder disputes, and trusts disputes.

Recent instructions include:

- Ladson NW Limited -v- Sinclair Gardens Investments (Kensington) Limited [2022]

Sole counsel in High Court concerning contractual interpretation

- Gristwood -v- London Borough of Richmond [2022]

Sole counsel in High Court concerning breach of contract

- Iris Tech London Limited -v- Wild Waters Ventures SAS [2022]

Led by Tom Poole QC in cross-jurisdictional commercial case

- Silvercrown Property Services -v- Daud [2022]

Sole counsel in High Court claim concerning a director's dispute

- Mundy -v- J.H. & R.R. Mundy (Roofing Supplies) [2022]

Led by Peter Knox QC in a dispute about a family trust

CIVIL FRAUD

Richard is regularly instructed in matters which involve allegations of fraud or dishonesty. Current instructions include:

- Acting for a SIPP investor which alleges a fraud against an unregulated financial adviser.
 - Acting for a company alleging fraudulent misrepresentation.
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REAL ESTATE

Richard acts in all areas of property law, including both commercial and residential landlord and tenant law. He has a particular interest in boundary disputes and claims under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996. He is experienced in business rates cases.

Recent instructions include:

- Bickley -v- Bella [2022]

Two-day trial concerning breach of restrictive covenant.

- Green Flag Estates Limited -v- Waris [2022]

Boundary dispute and injunction between two commercial properties

- O'Neill -v- Cheriton Woods Limited [2022]

Nuisance claim concerning tree felling in Wales

- Woolmer -v- Carr [2022]

Enforcement of an easement

- Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes -v- Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea [2022]

Sole Counsel in High Court claim concerning tree root nuisance

PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

Richard regularly receives instructions in complicated and extensive claims against a range of professionals but in particular legal professionals and surveyors.

Reported cases include:

- Johnson -v- Beverley Morris & Co [2023]

Defending a conveyancer who was alleged to have been negligent

- Halliwell -v- Mayo Wynne Baxter [2022]

Sole Counsel in High Court acting for the Claimant in an alleged failure to advise in relation to a conveyance

- Ramohlola -v- MK & S UK Limited t/a MK Suri [2021]

Defending a firm alleged to have been negligent in prosecuting an immigration application

- Aslam v Hine [2020]

Sole counsel in High Court acting for the Claimant in an alleged failure by the Defendant to properly represent him at a criminal trial.

AWARDS

Ann Goddard Scholarship, Gray's Inn

**Student Development Award
St Cuthbert's Society, Durham University**

Overseas Scholarship, Gray's Inn

Gray's Inn Bursary, Durham University

QUALIFICATIONS

- Law LL.B. (Hons), St Cuthbert's Society, Durham University
- BPTC, Kaplan Law School

MEMBERSHIPS

- Property Bar Association
- Security cleared to Developed Vetted (DV)
- Direct Access Qualified

NOTABLE CASES
