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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial

Property

Insolvency & Restructuring
Professional Negligence and Disciplinary
Banking and Finance

PROFILE

Christopher is a commercial, property and insolvency barrister with related expertise in professional negligence and financial services. His work has a commercial and contractual focus but he is frequently instructed in cases which involve overlapping issues across his other areas of expertise.

Christopher has substantial advocacy experience across the High Court, County Court and various Tribunals, both as sole counsel and as part of a team as well as regular experience of alternative dispute resolution. He maintains a busy paperwork practice and has been praised for his efficient turnaround of high quality work.

Christopher was appointed to the Attorney General's C-Panel in 2021.

PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial

Christopher accepts instructions in all aspects of commercial law and contractual disputes. He has advised on, settled pleadings in and appeared as sole and led counsel in numerous contractual disputes and contested applications.

Recent work includes:

- Advising a defendant in respect of their repudiatory breach of a third party logistics contract, worth over £500,000.
- Acting in (ongoing) proceedings for the recognition and enforcement in the UK of a judgment obtained in Miami, Florida.
- Successfully acting for the home owner in a residential building work dispute and securing an order for their costs on the indemnity basis after defeating allegations of fraudulent conduct made against them.

- Acting in a substantial construction claim in the TCC which involved significant amounts of oral expert evidence.
- Advising on claims arising from breaches of business sale agreements and numerous other business to business contracts.
- Advising on and acting in various claims relating to the sale and supply of goods and services.
- Advising on and acting in claims involving guarantees.
- Various proceedings relating the enforcement of judgments.
- Applications for various types of injunctive relief.

Property

Christopher undertakes a range of residential and commercial property work and has appeared before both the Courts and specialist property tribunals on many occasions.

His recent work includes:

- Acting for the landlord in its forfeiture claim against a national restaurant chain in CVA.
- Claims for possession with associated disrepair issues.
- Forfeiture and dilapidation claims.
- Service charge disputes.
- Acting for the landlord in a claim for forfeiture of a long residential lease.
- Actions to enforce contracts of guarantee.
- Actions involving the enforcement of debts against land.
- Advising on and acting in relation to claims involving TOLATA.
- Nuisance and boundary disputes.
- Party Wall Act claims.

Insolvency & Restructuring

Insolvency and enforcement matters form a substantial part of Christopher's practice and complement his general commercial work. He deals with all areas of corporate and personal insolvency.

Recent work includes:

- Successfully setting aside statutory demands for debts of c.£1m.
- Acting for the landlord of a national restaurant chain in a dispute concerning the terms of its CVA.
- Advice on the operation of the Corporate Governance and Insolvency Act 2020.
- Making or opposing applications to set aside statutory demands.
- Appearing on winding up and bankruptcy petitions.
- Numerous claims for orders for sale.
- Advising on and acting in s.994 petitions.

Professional Negligence and Disciplinary

Christopher acts in claims involving a wide range of professionals, particularly in matters related to his other areas of practice.

Banking and Finance

Christopher provides advice and advocacy services in respect of facility agreements, guarantees and financial services generally, on behalf of both lenders and borrowers.

Christopher has gained a detailed understand of financial services regulation and the Authorities powers pursuant to FSMA 2000 through his recent work with the FCA.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

ARB v Hammersmith & R [2017]
EWHC 2438 (QB)

Act for R (led by Mark McDonald) in a claim against an IVF clinic for breach of contract which resulted in the birth of a child without the consent of one of its parents.

CAREER AND ASSOCIATIONS

Called to the Bar (2013) - Inner Temple

College of Law, BPTC (2012-13) – Very Competent

University of Birmingham (2009-12) - BA Law (Hons) 2:1

Attorney General's C-Panel (2021)

Bazil Neild Prize

London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association

Property Bar Association (PBA)

Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)

PUBLICATIONS

Out with the Old Temporary – In with the New Temporary: Issuing Winding Up Petitions from 1 October 2021

Assessment of Damages in Negligent Surveyors Cases – Hart v Large [2021] EWCA Civ 24

Court Intervention and Contractual Rights of Administrators – Lehman Brother Australia Ltd (In Liquidation) v Macnamara [2020] EWCA Civ 321.

Company Attribution – Singularis v Daiwa Capital Markets Europe Ltd [2019] UKSC 50.

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