

GORDON WIGNALL

Year of Call: 1987

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Education

MA (University of Oxford)
Karmel Scholarship prizewinner (commercial law), Gray's Inn
Norman Tapp memorial prizewinner (mooting), Gray's Inn
Diploma in EU Law (merit) (King's College London, 2014)
Diploma in EU Competition Law (merit) (King's College London, 2015)

Appointments

CEDR trained mediator; formerly a part-time employment judge



CIVIL & COMMERCIAL LAW PROFILE

Gordon has a wide and varied practice with practical experience of different regulatory and specialist areas. He has a special interest in group litigation. He is authorised to practice from the Law Library, Dublin.

Group litigation

Gordon has conducted and assisted in the management of numerous multi-party actions under the GLO provisions of Part 19, CPR (and otherwise). These include the following types of cases:

- Financial services (including the FSMA collective redress procedure)
- Professional negligence (solicitors and banks)
- Consumer protection
- Landlord and tenant
- Environmental (pollution) cases
- VW emissions
- Personal injury and defective products

He has also advised and provided representation in competition and data protection cases.

He has a great deal of expertise in costs and litigation funding and was formerly on the editorial board of the White Book (Civil Procedure Rules). He was the editor of the Law Society Guide to CFAs. (See further below.)

Individual claims

Gordon is experienced in contractual disputes: sale of goods of different descriptions, breaches of covenant and general contractual disputes of various descriptions.

In private individual cases, he has experience of restraint of trade (including injunctive relief), wrongful dismissal, restitution, 'piercing the corporate veil', breach of confidence and advice and representation in disciplinary proceedings.

His fraud experience includes all forms of claims including FSA-unregulated investments and offshore property schemes (including CEPPs).

In negligence-related matters his case work has included claims against banks for negligence in the conduct of mortgage and property transactions and claims for and against IFAs and other professionals.

He is a recognised expert in private nuisance, including flooding, leasehold flats, noise nuisance, smoke, animal by-products and WEEE. Other special areas of interest include waste, ship recycling and waste transshipment.

He has undertaken judicial review work in various regulatory contexts, especially in environmental and financial services cases. In appropriate cases he defends criminal allegations made by regulators.

Injunctive relief

Gordon is familiar with the principles relating to injunctive relief for the preservation of trust property; freezing injunctions; restraint orders; receivership (including receivers accounts), both at first instance and at appellate level.

International work

His caseload has included claims concerning Nigeria, Pakistan, Cyprus, Cap Verde, Channel Islands, France, Eire, Portugal, Holland, Spain and jurisdictional disputes and relevant international conventions and treaties. His experience in jurisdictional and international litigation includes issues concerning the Brussels Regulation and Hague Conference issues as well as the CJA 1982. Gordon was instructed in the first major Crown Court prosecution of transfrontier waste offences.

Costs

As the editor of the Law Society's Guide to CFAs and a former contributing editor to The White Book, Gordon has an extensive costs practice including wide experience of multi-party actions and insurance funding. His experience covers DBAs, CFAs, CCFAs, entitlement to legal aid

funding and litigation funding, both domestic and nondomestic, including foreign arbitrations. Gordon has a special interest in the funding of litigation and advised members of the House of Lords on the application of LASPO and the implications for the UK's obligations under the Aarhus Convention. His specialist advisory work includes the drafting of funding vehicles connected with different forms of litigation funding, some including insurance provision.

Some public access work is exceptionally undertaken

RECOMMENDATIONS



"Gordon is very approachable and he knows the law inside out."

"His detailed knowledge of the law is impressive...He looks out for alternative ways to conclude an action and novel ways of addressing disputes."

Chambers UK Bar Guide [2020]

"He is a winner with clients - he's easy to work with and is approachable."

"Gordon is a pleasure to work with. He is great with the clients and builds a real rapport with the court. He is a great guy to have on a team dealing with a difficult case. He is a go-to barrister on group action claims."

Chambers UK Bar Guide [2018]

"A junior of choice for environment and a real heavyweight for private nuisance matters."

"Has a practice with a strong focus on pollution claims and challenges to Environment Agency decisions. His knowledge of his area is extremely deep and extensive."

Chambers UK Bar Guide [2017]

"A respected junior who is very active on environmental and waste permitting and recycling issues".

"He has an analytical mind and detailed approach."

Chambers UK Bar Guide [2016]

"A great barrister who is really commercially minded, very bright and good with clients".

Chambers UK Bar Directory [2015]

"An experienced junior who has an extensive planning and environmental practice. The majority of his environmental work involves regulatory disputes with local authorities, planning authorities and the Environment Agency... He's a very experienced and knowledgeable barrister, and has a very pleasant manner."

Chambers UK Bar Directory [2015]

"A depth of knowledge that makes him stand out".

Legal 500 [2015]

"He is very down to earth and gets on well with solicitors and clients...He is very knowledgeable, and he is able to put across complex points in understandable English".

Chambers UK Bar Directory [2014]

"He has a hands-on and very practical approach".

Legal 500 [2014]