

Lawrence McDonald

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Appointments

- Recorder (Ticketed to hear Chancery cases, Civil cases and Criminal cases)

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Property Bar Association
- Northern Chancery Bar Association (Secretary)
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- Inner Temple

Education

- The Inns of Court School of Law
- University College London
- The Manchester Grammar School

Overview

Lawrence is an experienced commercial litigator with particular expertise in property, insolvency and professional negligence cases. He acts for companies, individuals, office holders and public bodies before courts and tribunals of all levels in England and Wales.

Prior to life at the bar, Lawrence worked at a number of law firms both in London (Linklaters and Nabarro's) and Liverpool (Brabners). This has enabled him to build a practice that understands the complexities of both sides of the table. He also has an extensive advisory and mediation practice.

Lawrence has recognised strength in:

- Property litigation of all types including real property, landlord and tenant and service charges
- Commercial litigation including contractual disputes, Tort claims, injunctions, company, partnership, trusts and probate and property related commercial cases
- Personal and corporate insolvency
- Professional negligence, particularly in claims involving solicitors, often for conveyancing or other property related negligence.

Recommendations

The Legal 500

'Lawrence is very friendly and provides an excellent service. He is also well respected and pragmatic.'

"Lawrence is a tremendously affable character and enjoyable to work with. He is commercial in his outlook and very knowledgeable on the law."

"Lawrence is very good with clients and supports his solicitor. He knows what solicitors and clients want of him, and is great on his feet, personable and very likeable. He is good at getting his head around the larger issues."

"Lawrence demonstrates clarity of thought in his written advice, submissions and work. He is able to communicate relatively complex legal argument into language that a lay client can readily understand."

"He is knowledgeable, very good with clients, in depth knowledge of all instructed matters, very good as consultant, very organised and works in a speedy manner."

"An assured voice in the court room and a lateral thinker on his feet."

"His calm demeanour reassures clients."

"Recommended for a panoply of property disputes."

"He has an excellent all-round knowledge and is a great lateral thinker."

"He handles a broad spectrum of real estate cases, including landlord and tenant disputes" "A calm, collected and intelligent advocate."

Chambers & Partners

"Lawrence has great legal knowledge and is also very commercially astute."

"Lawrence McDonald is great, and very responsive."

"He is thorough, creative and excellent at cross-examination."

"Approachable and good to work with."

"A pragmatic lawyer who always has an eye on the most effective way of resolving disputes."

"He has a very sensible approach."

"He gets things done without making a meal of it."

Beyond the Bar

In the summer of 2016, Lawrence sailed from New York to London via Ireland and Holland as a crew member on the final leg of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. He also enjoys throwing himself down mountains on either skis or a mountain bike. Lawrence has competed nationally or internationally in areas as diverse as chess, judo and debating.

Other than that, Lawrence spends most of his time as an unpaid driver for his three daughters' various sport, music and social engagements.