

Simon Lewis

Call 2012



Clerks' Details

- Ian Spencer
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Memberships

- Employment Lawyers Association (ELA)
- North Eastern Circuit

Beyond the Bar

Simon played first class cricket for a couple of seasons as an opening batsman, including a tour of Pakistan, is a Cambridge Blue, and captained several of the Yorkshire youth cricket teams. He played representative football, among other sports, and maintains an interest in the sporting world generally.

He grew up in Ilkley and in North Wales, and now lives in Yorkshire.

Commercial CV Overview

Simon has a commercial and civil practice and sits, part-time, as a Deputy District Judge on such matters within the County Court.

He has acted for major businesses in the finance, energy and brewing sectors, as well as for small and medium sized enterprises and for private individuals. Simon has experience in litigation involving contractual disputes, professional negligence, directors' duties, unfair prejudice petitions, defamation, insolvency matters, injunctions, and possession. He has appeared in the High Court, in fast track and small claims trials and a relatively wide range of application hearings.

Simon was appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown in 2015 on the Attorney General's regional civil panel for a period of five years and reappointed in 2020. As such, in addition to his broader practice, he regularly advises and represents major government departments and ministers. He also has substantial experience working with local authorities and with business more generally.

Cases

RECENT COURT WORK

Acted in relation to a complex piece of litigation involving allegations of professional negligence

Acted for a defendant in a libel hearing in the Royal Courts of Justice

Advised in relation to restrictive covenant cases in the employment context

Acted in two day High Court trial for claimant company (in liquidation) – obtaining judgment for £1.4 million – in a claim for breach of (de facto and de jure) directors' duty.

Obtained High Court declaration of misfeasance and breach of directors' duties.

Presented unfair prejudice petition in the High Court.

Resisted High Court injunction application by major brewery Obtained security for costs order in the High Court.

Secured late adjournment of five day trial in the High Court Advanced and resisted strike out and summary judgment applications.

Obtained and prevented charging orders and orders for sale.

Acted for a claimant finance company in applications for interim delivery up orders Secured income payments order under the Insolvency Act.

Application for interim payment in the County Court.

Presented and resisted applications to set aside judgment in default Corporate and personal insolvency work.

Breach of contract trials.

Acted for numerous certificated bailiffs and enforcement agents.

RECENT DRAFTING AND ADVISORY WORK

Breach of contract Agency

Estoppel Conversion

Enforceability of Tomlin Orders Injunctions

Education

- **BPP LAW SCHOOL (LEEDS):**
Bar Course: Outstanding (ranked 1st in class)
Law Conversion Course: Distinction (ranked 1st in class)
- **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (JESUS COLLEGE):**
Social and Political Sciences: 1st Class
- **ERMYSTED'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL (SKIPTON):**
S levels, A levels, GCSEs: straight As
- **LAW SCHOLARSHIPS:**
Lincoln's Inn: Eastham, Buchanan, Cassel, Lord Haldane, Hardwicke
BPP Law School: Cohen

Appointments

- Junior Counsel to the Crown (2015 and 2020)
- Deputy District Judge (2020)
- Court Examiner (2017)
- Judicial Panel at the Football Association (2021)
- England Boxing Disciplinary Panel Member (2017)
- Sports Resolution's Panel of Mediators and Arbitrators (2018)
- British Cycling Regulatory Panel Member (2019)
- Independent Case Examiner at the General Optical Council (2016)
- Independent Case Examiner at the Nursing and Midwifery Council (2020)
- Independent Board Member and Trustee: the ASDA Foundation (2020)
- Non-executive Director: Bradford District Care NHS Trust (2018 and 2021)
- Non-executive Director: West Riding County FA (2018)