

Simon Lewis

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Appointments

- Junior Counsel to the Crown (2015)
- Statutory Case Examiner at the General Optical Council (2016)
- England Boxing Disciplinary Panel Member (2017)

Memberships

- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association (NCCBA)
- North East Circuit Commercial Bar Association (NECBBA)
- Employment Lawyers Association (ELA)
- Employment Law Bar Association (ELBA)
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers.

Commercial CV

Overview

Simon has a growing commercial practice. He has acted for major businesses in the finance, energy and brewing sectors, as well as for small and medium sized enterprises. Simon has experience in litigation involving contractual disputes, directors' duties, unfair prejudice petitions, insolvency matters and possession. He appears in High Court, fast track and small claims trials and an increasingly wide range of application hearings.

Simon was appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown in 2015 on the Attorney General's regional panel for a period of five years. In January 2016, Simon was appointed as an independent Case Examiner for the General Optical Council.

In addition to his legal credentials, Simon brings substantial experience from his earlier career. He is both analytical and pragmatic with a sound commercial understanding of the issues facing each instruction. After graduating with a first class degree from Cambridge, Simon spent a year in one of the Prime Minister's units before working at a leading management consultancy. He went on to be UK head of communications within a global professional services firm.

Cases

RECENT COURT WORK

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 year group)
Law Conversion Course: Distinction (ranked 1st in year group)
- Cambridge University, Jesus College
BA Social and Political Sciences: 1st Class MA (Cantab)
- Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton S levels, A levels, GCSEs: Grade A
- Law Scholarships
Lincoln's Inn: Eastham, Buchanan, Cassel, Lord Haldane, Hardwicke BPP Law School: Cohen

Beyond the Bar

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

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