

Simon Whitfield

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Appointments

- TECBAR Accredited Adjudicator
- UK Adjudicators panel member

Memberships

- The Northern Circuit
- The Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- The Chancery Bar Association
- Technology and Construction Bar Association
- Technology and Construction Court Users Group Committee Member

Education

- BA (Law), Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, 1989
- (MA, 1991) Law Society Finals, Chester College of Law (1990)
- Hong Kong SAR PRC, Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination (2003)

Practice Overview

Simon was called to the Bar in 2009 having previously been a partner at international law firm Squire Patton Boggs. His experience at a leading law firm gives him a unique insight into cases, and he adopts a practical, pragmatic, commercial approach.

His commercial practice includes contractual disputes, interpretation of contractual provisions, sale of goods, injunctive relief and enforcement of judgments.

Highly regarded for his construction practice, he advises on all aspects of the process from procurement through the whole project life-cycle. He has experience of the traditional standard forms of contract, bespoke agreements, PFI and PPP. He is a TECBAR accredited adjudicator.

Allied to his construction work, Simon frequently acts for and against professionals in professional negligence claims. He also undertakes insolvency work covering both corporate and personal insolvency.

Simon is a recognised expert on non-domestic (or business) rating law. He regularly appears in Magistrates' Courts on contested liability order applications as well as in the High Court on appeals – either by way of case stated or judicial review.

A keen supporter of ADR, Simon has acted for clients in many mediations, expert determinations and early neutral evaluations. He also accepts appointments as a mediator.

Simon regularly lectures on up to date legal issues to clients and to students on the Bar Professional Training Course. He is also licensed to accept instructions on a direct access basis.

Recommendations

“Simon Whitfield has been good, reliable and easy to deal with.”

Chambers and Partners 2024

“Simon has an incredible attention to detail, he is creative and very proactive. His client service is excellent, he always goes the extra mile.”

“He provides very good advice.”

Chambers and Partners 2023

“Simon is very pragmatic and easy to deal with, and he responds very quickly and gets to the heart of issues with minimal fuss.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“He is approachable, knowledgeable, gives clear advice and makes himself available within a short period of time, which is very helpful.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“He is good at cutting through the chaff and getting to the real points.”

“His approach is sensible while still being robust in protecting his client’s interests.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“He is highly responsive to solicitors’ needs.”

“He is very user-friendly and has a good presence with clients.”

“He has lots of experience in various construction disputes.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“Simon always makes himself available to his clients and is hard-working and outcome-focused.”

“He managed to digest an awful lot of information very quickly, which was really impressive.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“Known for his expertise in complex contentious matters.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“Mr Whitfield has exceptional skills in giving oral and written advice as well as drafting. He is extremely prompt in responding to requests for advice and drafting, even with very short deadlines.”

The Legal 500 2024

Simon is very approachable and available in order to discuss aspects arising from instructions. He has a particular strength in having previously qualified and had considerable experience as a solicitor and partner in a significant regional firm of solicitors. Therefore, he has an understanding of the detailed pressures and sensibilities involved in the client relationship on both sides of the profession.'

The Legal 500 2023

"Simon is very calm and collected – nothing ruffles him. He really knows his stuff and he's excellent with clients. He is a strong advocate where his calm, authoritative approach is very effective."

The Legal 500 2022

"He has a wealth of knowledge and confidence with his approach to complex matters. He makes himself available and does his best to accommodate last minute instructions, which is very helpful when deadlines are received with little notice."

The Legal 500 2021

"Particularly recommended for construction and business rate disputes."

The Legal 500 2020

"Very experienced in construction and engineering disputes."

The Legal 500 2018/19

"He has a sharp analytical mind."

The Legal 500 2017

"Clients single out Simon Whitfield as being "knowledgeable"... "capable" and highly regarded for contentious work."

The Legal 500 2016