

Steven Fennell

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Appointments

- Accredited Mediator

Memberships

- Insolvency Lawyers
- Association R3

Education

- University of Bristol (LLB)
- Merton College, Oxford (BCL)
- Accredited Mediator (CEDR)

Beyond the Bar

Steven is a keen supporter of the arts with a particular interest in the Theatre, Opera, Photography and Music – where enthusiasm partly compensates for lack of natural talent. He is also a keen cook.

Commercial Fraud CV

Overview

Steven is a very experienced civil fraud practitioner. Before transferring to the Bar, he was a partner at a large firm of solicitors with responsibility for that firm's work for HMRC relating to civil fraud and insolvency and regularly acted in relation to provisional liquidations of companies involved in missing trader and other tax frauds. Since joining Exchange Chambers in 2014 he has acted in relation to numerous civil fraud matters, from the initial investigation and applications for freezing order relief to trial and enforcement. His clients include corporate and individual claimants and defendants as well as insolvency practitioners.

He has particular experience of:

- Freezing order applications for claimants
- Challenges on behalf of defendants to freezing orders by defendants, including challenges to the scope of disclosure given by the claimant
- Cases involving allegations of missing trader and other tax fraud
- Fraudulent trading and transactions defrauding creditors brought by insolvency practitioners
- Claims of misappropriation by company directors
- Applications for charging orders following judgement, including disputed claims to ownership of property

Recommendations

“Steven has significant experience of insolvency law and an appreciation of the client’s position.”

“Steven really knows his stuff and brings admirable tactical clarity when advising on case progression.”

Chambers and Partners, 2024

“Steven’s advocacy is always clear, concise and noticeably appreciated by the presiding judge and instructing solicitor.”

The Legal 500, 2024

Ranked Band 3 for Restructuring/ Insolvency

Chambers and Partners, 2023

“He is clear on all the details and has an excellent grasp of the technical aspects of the matter at hand. A polished performer in court.”

The Legal 500, 2023

“Steven has a real understanding of the practical aspects of insolvency work, and he has the ability to make complex technical insolvency issues understandable.”

The Legal 500, 2022

“His background as a solicitor means he is able to understand our aims and goals when dealing with insolvency litigation which often has a number of stakeholders, and he knows how to build up an excellent rapport with our insolvency practitioner clients.”

The Legal 500, 2021

“Provides excellent service on urgent and difficult instructions.”

The Legal 500, 2020

“He has a calm and measured court demeanour.”

The Legal 500, 2018/19

“He has a wealth of technical insolvency knowledge.”

The Legal 500, 2017