

William Hanbury

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Clerks' Details

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Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Northern Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association (former committee member)

Appointments

- Part-time Judge of the Upper and First-tier Tribunals (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

Education

- Manchester University - Law LLB (class 2 (i))
- Inns of Court School of Law – Bar exams
- Major award holder and Paul Teichman scholar at Inner Temple

Public Law/Judicial Review CV

Overview

Bill undertakes most areas of public law, including public sector housing and judicial review challenges to housing and other decisions. He has also undertaken town and village green inquiries and challenges to inspector's decisions at all levels of the judicial ladder.

He also undertakes rating work, both advisory and advocacy, and has appeared in the Lands Chamber and Administrative Court in rating appeals.

Bill has lectured widely to local authorities, local law society's and conducted webinars for CLT.

Bill is consistently recommended as a leading individual in the Legal 500 guides.

Bills' specialisms include:

Rates and the council tax

Bill has advised both billing authorities and rate payers in relation to rates liability especially for non-domestic rates and avoidance measures. He has appeared at all levels of the court and tribunal system including acting for the Oyston Angel Charity in Preston City Council v Oyston Angel Charity [2012] EWHC 2005 in which it was successfully argued that the premises concerned qualified for zero rating.

Towns and village greens

Town and village green inquiries. Appearances include, in 2012, appearing for Kirklees MC in relation to the Churchfield site and

acting for Scarborough in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court in R (Barkas) v North Yorkshire Council and Scarborough Borough Council [2012] EWCA Civ 1373, [2014] UKSC 31.

Recommendations

A highly regarded junior recognised for the wide scope of his practice and ranked as a leading individual by the Legal 500.

“Provides accurate advice and inspires clients’ confidence.”

The Legal 500, 2020

“Very attentive.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“Self-assured before a judge.”

The Legal 500, 2018/19

“Well respected by the judiciary. Very calm and collected.”

“An exceptionally decent opponent.”

“Measured and reliable.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“He commands respect from judges.”

The Legal 500, 2017

Recent solicitors’ comments include:

Leeds city Council following a recent case on business rates said: A witness “asked me to pass on to you his sincere gratitude for your work on this case. We all had reservations before and after the trial, having not faced this type of challenge before, but you managed to convince the District Judge of the merits of our case for which was no mean feat.”

“Thanks for your sterling work... – the client is very happy.”

“Bill is a class act; over the last 5 years he has consistently delivered a high-quality service...”

“Extremely conscientious and capable practitioner. He has a good grasp of the legal issues and explains himself clearly at all times.....”

“A first rate service and I have advised colleagues that they should use your services wherever possible.”

“Bill’s advice is always clear and concise. He is also very approachable and willing to assist. “

“An accomplished barrister with a thorough grasp of the law.”

“Another superbly executed case by yourselves has resulted in the desired outcome.”

Publications and Seminars

“Boundary Disputes – A Practical Guide” (second edition 2017) Law Society

“Defective Premises- Law and Practice” (2009) Sweet and Maxwell

Author of numerous articles and case notes for publications including Property Law Journal, New Law Journal, Law Society, Westlaw and the Property Law website.

Conducts numerous seminars, webinars and podcasts including recently:

- Annual property seminar on proposed reform of boundary disputes resolution procedures;
- Lecture to Plexus law on flood risk and insurance on 3 October 2017;
- Webinar and podcast on boundary disputes for the Law Society in October 2017;
- When forfeiture will be the best option for the landlord in April 2018;
- Annual property seminar in 2018;
- Town and village greens in November 2018;
- A successful series of breakfast/teatime talks with Neil Cadwallader in 2019 on CVA’s and the High Street.

In 2018 he also assisted the Law Society with the preparation of its Conveyancing Quality Scheme and exam questions for conveyancers.

Beyond the Bar

Bill enjoys walking - particularly in the Yorkshire Dales. He is also a member of York Musical Society and regularly sings in their choral concerts. He is interested in buildings and conservation and has been a member of the committee of the York Georgian Society. He is also keen on wine and belongs to several clubs and attends their tastings.