

William Hanbury

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Memberships

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

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

Commercial Fraud CV

Overview

Bill has nearly 30 years' experience of commercial litigation and has advised and appeared in cases of emergency relief and asset recovery. He has experience of fraudulent property transactions and in 2018 assisted the Law Society in writing its conveyancing protocol which includes guidance to solicitors on how to protect against fraud. He has particular experience of the following:

- Breach of trust
- Breaches of fiduciary duty
- Civil contempt and perjury
- Constructive trusts
- Dishonest assistance
- Deceit
- Injunctions (including freezing orders, search orders, and orders for disclosure of information)
- Insurance fraud
- Knowing receipt
- Transactions to defraud creditors
- Unjust enrichment
- Voidable Transactions

Recent cases have included advice and advocacy on third party interests acquired by banks and other lenders following fraud, proceedings before the First-tier Property Tribunal (Land Registration Division) - formerly the HM Adjudicator to the Land Registry and fraudulent misrepresentation inducing the acquisition of business premises. In addition advising on title points where emergency relief is sought.

Recommendations

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

Recent client feedback includes:

"[The Client] says he has just one word to describe you and it is 'wow'."

Solicitor

"The North's Leading authority and advocate on Property Law"

Solicitor

"...Bill Hanbury (the counsel you recommended) was excellent and we really appreciated you (the solicitor) being there to support him and us. Stress levels here are significantly reduced as a result!"

Solicitor

Legal Directories:

"He is very experienced and has excellent awareness of authorities, as well as being good with clients and providing clear and practical advice."

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Chambers and Partners 2024

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The Legal 500 2024

"William Hanbury is excellent in boundary disputes, as he should be, having written an excellent book on the subject."

Chambers and Partners 2023

'A polished and impressive advocate. He is strong on his feet in court and very good on the technical aspects of the law.'

The Legal 500 2023

“William Hanbury is an experienced barrister who regularly acts for local authorities. He offers a wealth of expertise in ratings and valuation and local government powers matters, and is also well regarded for his handling of property law cases.”
Strengths: “He provides trustworthy advice.”

Chambers and Partners, 2022

“William is very thorough. He is strong on the technical details, and has a calm and measured approach.”

The Legal 500, 2022

“Bill has a very good knowledge of property law and prepares well. Always gets his point across and provides sound advice.”

The Legal 500, 2021

“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

“Measured and reliable.”

Chambers and Partners, 2018

“He commands respect from judges.”

The Legal 500, 2017

Further feedback includes:

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

“An exceptionally decent opponent.”

In a recent High Court case, the client 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

Events that he has spoken at in 2022 include:

- In July 2022, Bill delivered a talk at R3’s Northern Forum 2022 - Commercial Property and Covid: will the patient ever recover?

He is also the author of:

- “Boundary Disputes – A Practical Guide” which is due to be published in its third edition by the Law Society in 2022
- “Defective Premises- Law and Practice” (2009) Sweet and Maxwell

Recent articles have included:

- In October 2021 Bill co-wrote “Dilapidations in challenging times” a two-part series of articles for Estates Gazette with Paul Raeburn FRICS
 - “Legal professional privilege in the spotlight again” (29 July 2020) Estates Gazette
- He also lectures widely including in 2021:
- Lecturing at the annual Financial Mis-selling Conference on when to plead fraud in financial mis-selling claims by Legal Training in September 2021
 - To chambers’ annual property seminar on the same topic in June 2021
 - Lecturing on the Supreme Court’s decision in *Hurstwood v Rossendale* in May 2021
 - Speaking to the Leeds Business and Property Court Forum in their commercial property webinar on the challenges facing commercial landlords in collecting rent in the postCOVID period in May 2021

Earlier seminars have included:

- In 2020 in-house on the frustration of leases caused by the pandemic
 - In 2019 conducting a lecture to the RICS on boundary disputes
 - In 2019 with Neil Cadwallader (now HHJ Cadwallader) on CVA’s and the High Street
 - In November 2018 to chambers annual Local Government and Social Housing Seminar on town and village greens
 - In 2017 to Plexus law on flood risk and insurance
 - In 2017 conducting a webinar and podcast on boundary disputes for the Law Society
- He has also assisted the Law Society with the preparation of exam questions for conveyancers including advising on fraud prevention

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.