

Simon Whitfield

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Appointments

- TECBAR Accredited Adjudicator
- Accredited Mediator

Memberships

- The Northern Circuit
- The Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- The Chancery Bar Association
- Technology and Construction Bar Association
- National Committee Member Society of Construction Law
- 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. He is frequently instructed by local authorities and registered social landlords in tenancy disputes, obtaining injunctive relief including ASBO injunctions and dealing with enforcement up to and including committals.

A keen supporter of ADR, Simon regularly appears in mediations, expert determinations and early neutral evaluations. Simon 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

“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

“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