

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

Construction CV

Overview

Bill has more than thirty years of experience in most areas of commercial law, including construction disputes in court and before mediators and arbitrators. These have included the professional liability to architects and engineers, contractual disputes about apportionment of loss and tortious claims against builders and others involved in construction. He has specific experience of:

- Land settlement, subsidence and heave;
- Disputes between neighbours over nuisance and liability for drainage, slippage and under-cutting land;
- Tree root damage;
- Damage by fire including claims under the Fires Prevention (Metropolis) Act;
- Claims to summary judgment of adjudicator's decisions;
- Challenges to arbitrator's awards;
- Claims arising out of environmental contamination;
- Claims by and against local authorities arising out of their duties under the Building Act 1984 and related legislation.

Recent cases:

- Advising whether section 1 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 applies to construction work on a new dwelling;
- Advising a developer of possible action against the NHBC;
- Advising on the application of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 to a claim against a builder and supplier under a design and build contract;
- Advising a local authority in relation to vacant sites and its powers under the Building Act 1984;
- Advising in relation to a multi-million pound joint venture agreement involving a JCT contract, breach of agreement, breach of fiduciary duty and tactical questions including the use of various dispute resolution

methods;

- Instructions to appear in an application for summary judgment of an adjudicator's award.

Since joining Chambers in 2008 he has also successfully appeared as an advocate at all levels of the court system including the Supreme Court and has represented clients in numerous mediations and arbitrations.

Bill also accepts instructions on a direct access basis from individuals, companies and other professions.

He also undertakes commercial and property litigation, professional negligence and insurance.

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

Recommendations

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

“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

“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

“Legal professional privilege in the spotlight again” (29 July 2020) Estates Gazette

“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;
- Boundary disputes update to RICS Autumn 2019.

Since the Covid pandemic Bill has conducted numerous webinars dealing with subjects of topical interest including the frustration of leases caused by the pandemic.

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

In 2020 he has assisted the RICS on the preparation of its guidance note on boundaries.

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.