


Jonathan French

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Appointments

- Accredited Mediator

Memberships

- R3
- Employment Law Bar Association
- Employment Lawyers Association
- Industrial Law Society
- Talk Mediation
- North Eastern Circuit
- The Fraud Lawyers Association

Education

- Harrogate Grammar School
- LLB (Hons), The University of Manchester
- Bar Vocational Course, The Inns of Court School of Law
- Accredited Mediator, SPC, Regent's College (2005)

Insolvency CV

Overview

Jonathan's insolvency practice encompasses all aspects of personal and corporate insolvency and restructuring, acting both for office holders and individuals/ companies. Jonathan is recognised for being approachable and for giving clear advice.

His insolvency practice extends to:

- Administrations
- Voluntary arrangements
- Liquidations
- Bankruptcy
- Directors' disqualifications
- Transactions at an undervalue
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- Preferences

Recommendations

“Jonathan French of Exchange Chambers enters the rankings this year following widespread praise for his excellent accessibility and his pragmatism when handling cases. Sources say: ‘He offers full and frank advice and is very sharp on his feet.’”

Chambers & Partners

“Jonathan French is an experienced junior in difficult cases and boasts a high success rate ‘in and out of court’.”

Legal 500

“Jonathan French has wide experience and is ‘an excellent negotiator who never drops a point’.”

Legal 500

“An effective negotiator and there’s always a strong likelihood he’ll win.”

Legal 500

Beyond the Bar

Jonathan lives in North Yorkshire with his wife and their two daughters. He enjoys walking in the Yorkshire Dales and Scottish Highlands as well as sailing. He follows motor racing, cricket and rugby and enjoys live music.

Cases

Advising and appearing upon employment claims against Kids Co.

Successfully representing IP in disclosure application regarding 2 failed IVAs

Defeating claim by liquidator for debts allegedly owed by company director

Advising upon £800K claim against insolvent partnership

Advising upon IPO against high-profile celebrity

Kaye v South Oxfordshire District Council and another [2013] EWHC 4165 (Ch), [2014] All ER (D) 134 (Jan)

Successfully appearing on behalf of high profile Leeds property developer in bankruptcy proceedings

Appearing on behalf of leading insolvency practitioners on successful High Court appeal

Advising on dissolution of multi-million pound property development partnership

Advising upon restoration of company to the Company Registry in Nevis

Appearing on behalf of a city council on bankruptcy proceedings to enforce High Court costs award against a leading Harrogate businesswoman