

## Steven Fennell

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### Clerks' Details

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### Appointments

- Accredited Mediator

### Memberships

- Insolvency Lawyers
- Association R3

### Education

- University of Bristol (LLB)
- Merton College, Oxford (BCL)
- Accredited Mediator (CEDR)

### Beyond the Bar

Steven is a keen supporter of the arts with a particular interest in the Theatre, Opera, Photography and Music – where enthusiasm partly compensates for lack of natural talent. He is also a keen cook.

### Professional Negligence CV

#### Overview

Steven has extensive experience of professional negligence actions involving solicitors, accountants, insolvency practitioners and valuers, both as a solicitor and at the Bar.

Steven qualified as a solicitor in 1996, as an insolvency practitioner in 1999, and a solicitor advocate in 2013. He became a CEDR-accredited mediator in 2012. He transferred to the Bar in 2014 to join Exchange Chambers.

As a former solicitor, Steven understands the pressures and time constraints that are an everyday part of the solicitor's life and brings a unique depth of experience to his practice.

In addition to professional negligence litigation, Steven regularly acts for insolvency practitioners and accountants in relation to non-contentious regulatory and compliance matters, complaints to their professional bodies, and proceedings before professional disciplinary tribunals.

## Cases

### Illustrative cases include:

Defending professional negligence actions against insolvency practitioners, including challenges to levels of remuneration and allegations of deliberate overcharging;

Defending insolvency practitioners in regulatory proceedings before their professional bodies, including a recent 5 day hearing before the ACCA disciplinary tribunal leading to the dismissal of all charges against the respondent;

Negligence claims against solicitors and barristers arising from both contentious and non-contentious work;

Claims against valuers brought by financial institutions;

Claims against financial advisors.

## Recommendations

“Provides excellent service on urgent and difficult instructions.”

**The Legal 500, 2020**

“He has a calm and measured court demeanour.”

**The Legal 500, 2018/19**

“He has a wealth of technical insolvency knowledge.”

**The Legal 500, 2017**