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Appointments

- Recorder (2026)
- Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel A)

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Business and Property Bar Association
- Northern Circuit

Education

- Shrewsbury School, 1997-2002
- MA (Cantab), Law, Downing College, Cambridge (II.i, 2002-2005)
- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law (Very Competent, 2005-2006)
- Jules Thorne Scholarship, Middle Temple, 2005
- Pupillage, 8 King Street, Manchester,

Commercial Fraud

Richard is an experienced junior in the Commercial and Insolvency departments, with extensive experience of acting in an advisory capacity or as an advocate, of matters relating to commercial fraud.

More particularly:

- Richard is regularly instructed in company and insolvency proceedings involving commercial fraud, whether in relation to voidable transactions, breaches of directors' duties, or otherwise;
- Richard is regularly instructed in unfair prejudice petitions and partnership disputes where allegations of fraud are raised;
- Richard is regularly instructed in cases where there are allegations of breaches or trust or other economic torts, including cases of deceit, conspiracy and the like, as well as claims involving unjust enrichment, asset tracing and accessory liability;
- Richard has experience of contempt of Court proceedings in the High Court, and of dealing with injunctions of all kinds.

Richard is listed as a Leading Individual in Chambers & Partners in Commercial Dispute Resolution and Restructuring/Insolvency, and a Leading Junior in The Legal 500 in Company and Insolvency.

Further, Richard's work as Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional A Panel) regularly involves cases of commercial fraud, including cases involving breaches of directors' duties, public interest winding up petitions and directors' disqualification proceedings.

Commercial Fraud Cases

Recent and relevant cases include:

2006-2007 (tenancy 2007 – joined Exchange Chambers in 2008)
- Junior of the Northern Circuit, 2009

Royle v Together Commercial Finance Ltd [2024] EWHC 2915 (Ch) – led by Lesley Anderson KC and involving numerous other silks – concerning allegations of various breaches on the part of a lender, and other parties, including allegations of fraud, said to amount to some £40,000,000

Re Alam Investments Ltd [2023] EWHC 1460 (Ch) – led by Mark Cawson KC and Paul Chaisty KC – 42 day trial of preliminary issues in 5 linked actions, amongst other hearings, concerning control of a family supermarket business and a family history spanning several decades and involving various allegations of fraud and economic tort

Re G – 2023 – unrep – case concerning fictitious citations generated by unchecked use of Chat GPT – reported in Law Society Gazette, 29 May 2023

Re Batra – unrep – acting for receivers of numerous properties comprising hotels in London in an action to seek a validation order for the intended sale of those hotels for a sum in excess of

£15,000,000 in the face of opposition from the debtor – case concerning the scope of the validation order regime under the Insolvency Act 1986 – commentary in Insolvency Intelligence, 2019, Issue 4, p 159 and Sealy v Milman's Annotated Guide to the Insolvency Legislation

Absolute Living Developments Ltd (in Liquidation) v DS7 Ltd [2018] EWHC 1432 (Ch) & [2018] EWHC 1717 (Ch) – led by David Mohyuddin KC – cases concerning principles for award of security for costs in relation to companies in liquidation and committal for breach of freezing injunctions

Montpellier Estates Limited v Leeds City Council [2013] EWHC 166 QB – assisting generally in the preparation of and dealing with various interlocutory hearings in multi-million pound deceit claim made against the Council

Autofocus Limited/Accident Exchange Limited litigation (2012-13) – assisting in the appeals in numerous cases arising from the fraudulent manufacturing of "expert" evidence in credit hire cases

Litigation arising from the Buncefield Oil depot disaster (2008) – assisting a national law firm in relation to an action against the manufacturer of safety devices at the depot

Recommendations

"He's a lovely barrister to work with and very well regarded by the client. He's very accommodating and returns work quickly."

"He is very much a safe pair of hands, very easy to deal with and personable. He ensures we get the skeleton argument in good time and is good on his feet."

"Richard is very reliable, a very good team player, very good with clients and at identifying the issues that they see as important and being able to discuss them on a meaningful level."
Chambers and Partners 2026

"Richard is always in command of the detail. He communicates very well with clients and helps them navigate difficult areas with empathy and calmness."

"Richard is thorough, innovative and very responsive. He marries an eye for detail with a very friendly manner and his advice is always measured and commercial."
The Legal 500, 2026

"Richard is a very effective barrister who works incredibly positively with lawyers and lay clients. He also demonstrates great attention to detail."

"Richard's written work was first class, but he is also a confident team player prepared to make contributions; he wants to be heard and he is willing to get involved."

"Richard is easy to work with and very thorough."

"Richard Tetlow is good on his feet. He is a safe pair of hands."
Chambers and Partners 2025

"Richard's court presence is very strong, and so is his legal research."

"Richard is strong in commercial litigation, particularly corporate and shareholder litigation. He is a go-to for depth of knowledge, client management, and skill."
The Legal 500, 2025

"Richard is very easy to work with and gives good, commercial advice."

"Richard is a very good team player and hard-working. He is an excellent junior."

"We were extremely impressed with Richard's attention to detail and with his advocacy."
Chambers and Partners 2024

"Richard is technically excellent whilst also commercially minded. He impresses clients with a confident but courteous courtroom approach, and he is both meticulous and efficient in drafting pleadings."
The Legal 500, 2024

"Richard's drafting is excellent."

"He has a sharp mind and gets to the nub of the issue quickly. He develops a good rapport with clients."

Chambers and Partners 2023

"Richard is commercial in his approach, delivers clear advice and builds a good rapport with clients, which in turn provides them with confidence."

"Richard is very thorough with excellent attention to detail. He is great with clients, calm and unflappable on his feet."

The Legal 500, 2023

"I look at his style with envy; he is a superb advocate."

"He has a magical vision to find ways through difficult cases and pathways to resolutions that others don't see."
Chambers and Partners 2022

"The qualities Richard has are undoubtedly attention to detail and quality of the work produced. He is also prepared to roll up his sleeves and fight the client's corner as an advocate if required. The service he provides is however delivered with an overarching commercialism and he gives it to you straight. He would never leave you in any doubt as to the strengths or weakness of a particular point."
The Legal 500, 2022

"He is very approachable and very user-friendly."

"He is very good on his feet. He is careful and well prepared, and he has a manner that clients can gel with." "He's very persuasive in front of a judge and very good at spotting unusual points."
Chambers and Partners 2021

"Good to work with. Team player. Nothing too much trouble. Reliable and hard working."
The Legal 500, 2021

"He is very diligent and always well prepared."
Chambers and Partners 2020

"He is a very good barrister and has exactly the right attitude."

"He's an extremely able and user-friendly junior – he is very much a safe pair of hands on all things chancery, commercial and insolvency related."
Chambers and Partners 2019

"He is a future star who is particularly good at cross-examination."

"He is very efficient, pleasant to deal with and knows his stuff."
Chambers and Partners 2018