Simon Whitfield

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Appointments

- TECBAR accredited adjudicator
- UK Adjudicators panel adjudicator

Memberships

- The Northern Circuit
- The Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- The Chancery Bar Association
- Technology and Construction Bar Association
- 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

Professional Negligence

Simon has had experience of pursuing and defending claims against professionals for over 20 years. He has been involved in cases for and against surveyors, architects, engineers, project managers, solicitors and accountants. He is recognised for his proactive approach and his ability to get to the heart of any issue.

Lawyers Qualification Examination (2003)

Professional Negligence Cases

Pursuing a claim against a firm of accountants for negligent advice in relation to a tax mitigation scheme on the sale of a business.

Advising a developer in a claim against a firm of architects concerning the negligent design of the roofing elements of an office building.

Drafting proceedings against a site investigation firm for negligently failing to discover adverse ground conditions at the site of a residential development. Pursuing a claim against a geotechnical firm arising from its design of a slope stabilisation solution.

Advising an employer in its claim against a quantity surveyor for over-certifying payments to a building contractor.

Defending a claim against a firm of architects arising out of its design of a site drainage solution.

Pursuing an arbitration against an engineer in respect of its design of a coastal defence project.

Drafting proceedings against a design and build contractor over its design of a road scheme.

Defending a claim against a project manager for allegedly substandard supervision of construction works.

Drafting proceedings against a firm of solicitors over negligent advice on the investment into a business.

Acting as mediator in the successful resolution of a dispute between an architect and a house owner.

Recommendations

“Simon Whitfield worked as a construction solicitor for a long time, which is helpful.”
Chambers and Partners 2026

“Simon is a skilled, tenacious and compelling advocate; someone who clients are glad to have on their side.”
The Legal 500, 2026

"Simon Whitfield is commercial and diligent."
Chambers and Partners 2025

"Simon Whitfield has been good, reliable and easy to deal with."
Chambers and Partners 2024

"Simon has an incredible attention to detail, he is creative and very proactive. His client
service is excellent, he always goes the extra mile."

"He provides very good advice."
Chambers and Partners 2023

"Simon is very pragmatic and easy to deal with, and he responds very quickly and gets to the heart of issues with minimal fuss."
Chambers and Partners 2022

"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

"Simon possesses clarity and practicality. He provides good tactical advice and excellent drafting."
The Legal 500, 2025

"Mr Whitfield has exceptional skills in giving oral and written advice as well as drafting. He is extremely prompt in responding to requests for advice and drafting, even with very short deadlines."
The Legal 500, 2024

"Simon is very approachable and available in order to discuss aspects arising from instructions. He has a particular strength in having previously qualified and had considerable experience as a solicitor and partner in a significant regional firm of solicitors. Therefore, he has an understanding of the detailed pressures and sensibilities involved in the client relationship on both sides of the profession."
The Legal 500, 2023

"Simon is very calm and collected – nothing ruffles him. He really knows his stuff and he's excellent with clients. He is a strong advocate where his calm, authoritative approach is very effective."
The Legal 500, 2022

"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