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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

Property and Planning

Simon has vast experience in advising parties to property transactions and disputes. He acts for secured lenders, advising in disputes over the enforceability of loan agreements or security documents. He also has extensive knowledge and experience of issues arising under the Building Act 1984, the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 and the Building Safety Act 2022.

He acts for landlords in commercial possession claims and applications for relief from forfeiture.

He also acts for local authorities and registered social landlords in applications under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Lawyers Qualification Examination (2003)

Property & Planning Cases

Acting in contested numerous possession proceedings for various banks.

Pursuing through to trial a possession claim of a Bank where the claim raised novel points concerning unregistered interests. Permission granted to appeal to the Court of Appeal.

Resisting for a secured lender an application by the borrower for an injunction to restrain the appointment of fixed charge receivers – ***Houssein v London Credit Limited [2021] WL 01911016***.

Acting for local authorities in claims under the Building Act 1984 concerning dangerous structures.

Advising a client concerning a contested easement/right of way.

Appearing for the Defendants at a 5 day trial concerning the demolition of a listed building – ***Peel v Eckersall (13 May 2021)***.

Acting for a housing provider in successfully pursuing an application against a managing agent for pre-action disclosure and dealing with the subsequent appeal before the Vice-Chancellor – ***Livv Housing Group v Shap Limited (20 April 2021)***.

Advising a landlord on the meaning and interpretation of break clauses in a lease.

Advising a number of management companies and tenants of housing blocks concerning liabilities for remedial works following the Grenfell Tower disaster.

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