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Matthew Maddison

Call 2010

Clerks

Ian Spencer
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Nicole Luna
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Appointments

Deputy District Judge (appointed October 2022). Authorised to hear BPC cases.

Memberships

Chancery Bar Association

R3 Association of Business Recovery Professionals

Northern Business and Property Bar Association

Committee member of Newcastle BPC Forum

Education

Called to the Bar, Middle Temple: 2010 (Certificate of Honour)

Commercial Litigation

Reported Commercial Litigation Cases

Holmes v Downing [2024] EWHC 2018 (Comm)

6-day trial concerning commission claims by an intermediary in respect of acquisition of two property portfolios. Acted for estate of one of the deceased purchasers.

Electrical Waste Recycling Group Limited and another v Philips Electronics UK Limited and others [2011] EWHC 3747 (Ch); [2012] EWHC 38 (Ch)

Junior counsel in a complex competition law action brought by an electrical waste recycling company and a wholesaler of electrical goods against the four leading manufacturers of lamps in the UK, and a producer compliance scheme established pursuant to the WEEE Regulations 2006, alleging breach of section 2 Competition Act 1998 and/or Art.101 TFEU and s.18 Competition Act 1998 and/or Art.102 TFEU.

Other ongoing / recent unreported cases

- Acted for food manufacturer in proceedings issued in the Circuit Commercial Court against pest control company for damages in excess of £12 million as a result of a mouse infestation, which resulted in product recalls and termination of contracts.
- Acted for a global investment firm seeking to enforce a personal guarantee against a company director for debt exceeding £5.7 million, following the collapse of a Bulk IVA provider.
- Acted for international manufacturer in defending proceedings for substantial damages in respect of an alleged defective woodworking machine.
- Acted on behalf of Defendant at trial of preliminary issues, in respect of bitter dispute between business partners as to ownership and control of a company, involving allegations of

Bar Vocational Course, Northumbria University: 2009-10 (Outstanding)

LLB Law, University of Leeds: 2006 – 2009 (First Class Hons; Hughes Scholar for highest overall mark)

theft, assault, breach of fiduciary duties and breach of trust.

Recommendations

Chambers & Partners (2026)

Commercial Dispute Resolution – North Eastern (Bar)

Ranked: Band 1

Strengths:

- *"His written and oral advocacy is great."*
- *"Matthew Maddison is experienced in commercial litigation. He is instructed in disputes arising from mis-selling claims and breach of fiduciary duty. His clients include manufacturers and investment companies."*

Restructuring/Insolvency – North Eastern (Bar)

Ranked: Band 1

Strengths:

- *"Matthew Maddison is noted for his expertise in insolvency and commercial chancery matters. He has experience acting for banks, individuals and publicly listed companies. He is particularly adept at handling misfeasance claims brought against former directors."*
- *"Matthew is very smart and very pleasant, which goes an extremely long way with the judges."*
- *"Matthew is my go-to for insolvency."*
- *"Matthew is incredibly well thought of and would be on my fantasy insolvency team. He's utterly brilliant, down to earth, can see the bigger picture and takes a very commercial and strategic approach."*

Legal 500 (2026)

Commercial litigation – North Eastern Region

Rank: Leading Junior 1

Company and insolvency – North Eastern Region

Rank: Leading Junior 1

Testimonials:

- *"Matthew is exceptional. He is meticulous and very bright."*

Chambers & Partners (2025)

Commercial Dispute Resolution – North Eastern (Bar)

Ranked: Band 1

Strengths:

- *"Matthew is responsive and gives succinct and practical advice."*

Restructuring/Insolvency – North Eastern (Bar)

Ranked: Band 1

Strengths:

- *"A pleasure to work with. Matthew is bright, tactical and astute."*
- *"Matthew is an exceptional barrister. His advice is spot on, and his way of condensing and simplifying complex issues is second to none. He gives lawyers and clients an additional layer of comfort."*
- *"Matthew is very personable, intelligent and easy to work with. He's very good in court – written and oral."*

Legal 500 (2025)

Commercial litigation – North Eastern Region

Rank: Leading Junior 1

Company and insolvency – North Eastern Region

Rank: Leading Junior 1

Testimonials:

- *"A class act. Highly intelligent whilst being user-friendly. Judges warm to him, and he is great on his feet when asked difficult questions in very technical areas of law."*

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Publications

Contributor to Bailey & Groves: Corporate Insolvency (Chapters: Administration; The Liquidator; Proofs of Debt)

Beyond the Bar

Countryside adventures with mischievous goldendoodle.