Lisa Linklater KC

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Chambers TOP RANKED UK Bar 2026 Lisa Linklater KC

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Appointments

- King's Counsel (2022)
- Vice-Chair of the Northern Business and Property Bar Association (2023)
- Editorial Advisory Board of the Company Lawyer journal (published by Sweet & Maxwell) (member since 2010)
- Accredited Mediator (CEDR)
- Attorney General's Regional Panel of Counsel (2000 – 2018)

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Business and Property Bar Association (Vice-Chair)
- Insolvency Lawyers' Association (full member)
- R3 fellow (association of business

Property & Trusts

Overview

Lisa Linklater KC is a leading King's Counsel in Chancery, Commercial Dispute Resolution and Insolvency/Restructuring, including property and trusts disputes.

Lisa's property and trusts practice is in the Business and Property Courts of the High Court and often links with corporate insolvencies, Law of Property Act receiverships, shareholder, partnership and joint venture disputes, commercial fraud or security issues.

Lisa is Vice-Chair of the Northern Business and Property Bar Association.

Recommendations

Lisa is consistently recommended as a Band 1 silk in Chancery, Commercial Dispute Resolution and Insolvency by Chambers and Partners UK Bar and Legal 500 UK Bar.

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2026 notes "*Her advocacy is top-notch and she is very persuasive*" and "*she is a clear and concise advocate*". Further, she is "*very proactive, very knowledgeable*" and "*commercially aware*".

Legal 500 UK Bar 2026 states "*Lisa is an accomplished silk. She gets to grips with complex cases with ease and pace. She is a pleasure to work with.*"

Expertise

Lisa Linklater KC's property practice includes:

- All issues as to mortgages, debentures and other forms of security,

recovery professionals) (full member)
- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- North Eastern Circuit
- Bar International Coordination Group (NBPBA and NE Circuit representative)
- Leeds BPC Forum (committee member)

Education

- MA Cantab (Law), University of Cambridge (Jesus College)
- Inns of Court School of Law, London
- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

particularly in a corporate insolvency context;
- Law of Property Act receiverships;
- Property issues in a personal or corporate insolvency context.
- Disputes concerning substantial property portfolios, often jointly owned and involving the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996;
- Co-ownership of property disputes;
- Shareholder, joint venture and partnership disputes within the property sector and/or involving commercial, agricultural or residential property and/or property development; and
- Allegations of fraud e.g. sham transactions.

Lisa Linklater KC's trusts practice includes:

- Breach of trust;
- Dishonest assistance;
- Knowing receipt;
- Account of profits and equitable compensation;
- Express, resulting and constructive trusts; and
- Discretionary trusts (particularly of shares in companies within the context of shareholder disputes).

Lisa works closely with clients and instructing solicitors to tailor strategy to clients' objectives and to succinctly and clearly advocate on behalf of clients.

Lisa's advice in this technical area is practical and commercial.

She is adept in effectively leading teams of different sizes for the benefit of clients.

Recent Experience and Highlights

Recent highlights of Lisa's property and trusts practice in silk include:

- Acting for and advising the administrator of a company owning substantial land, including a partially completed residential development, giving rise to complex legal and practical issues involving both insolvency and property law (ongoing).
- Acting for defendant to high-profile, factually and legally complex alleged claim of £12m by company administrators. The claim is for alleged dishonest assistance and knowing receipt of breach of trust and alleged breaches of directors' duties, relating to a share sale by the defendant of his shares in the company. Lisa has collaborated closely with Jersey lawyers in respect of a freezing order obtained in the Royal Court of Jersey (ongoing).
- Acting in respect of dispute relating to jointly owned commercial and residential property portfolio in London and the North West with a value of over £10m and related allegations of unfair prejudice under s994 Companies Act 2006 (ongoing).
- Successfully advised and acted for trustees of a long-established family trust with a large number of beneficiaries, including many

minors, in an application to extend the trust pursuant to the Variation of Trusts Act 1958. The trust's assets include shares in a company, which owns valuable commercial property in Sheffield. (2022 – 2024).
- Advising LPA receivers and lender in respect of priority between a debenture and option agreement, involving lending of just under £10m in a matter which attracted significant media attention (2023).
- Advising local authority and private sector partner in respect of a public contract relating to a very substantial joint venture property development in the North West, involving issues relating to public procurement law (2023).
- Successfully securing in the High Court in Manchester the dismissal of an application by a borrower for an interim injunction to prevent a finance house from enforcing its security in respect of a substantial property development in the Midlands (2023).
- Cleveland Bridge UK Limited (in administration): Successfully secured directions from the High Court for joint administrators of a former global leader in the design of complex structures including theShard on a complex application relating to the distribution of £7m. The application involved novel issues relating to fixed and floating charges, the equitable doctrine of marshalling, substantial preferential creditor claims by HM Revenue and Customs and Saudi law (2022).

Examples of Lisa's significant experience in this field before taking silk are in the "property and trusts" cases section below.

Property and Trusts Cases

Lisa's experience in property and trusts cases before taking silk includes the following;

REAL PROPERTY, TRUSTS AND RELATED CLAIMS

- Successfully acted for construction company in claim for specific performance of a contract to purchase land with a contract value of £4m in a dispute that had lasted 10 years (2020 – 2021) (HCt).
- Successfully realising an investment in valuable crowd-funded property development company in Cheshire for shareholders by just and equitable winding up petition (2018) (HCt).
- Representing trustee of shares in directions application involving issues including missing beneficiaries (2018) (HCt).
- Acting for a high-profile retailer in defending emergency proceedings for the delivery up of items in the high-street stores it was occupying (2018) (HCt).
- Representing a purchaser of a pharmaceutical business from administrators in claim by landlord for dilapidations and unpaid rent. Landlord is relying upon Jervis v Pillar Denton Ltd for priority

over other creditors (2017) (HCt).
- Advising in respect of trust issues following a pre-pack sale of 40,000 individual voluntary arrangements.
- Advice as to whether a grant by a charity to a company in liquidation was held on Quistclose trusts (2016).
- Successfully defending injunctive relief proceedings brought by a major manufacturer of bed products that had purchased a portfolio of properties from administrators in a "fire sale", relying on an alleged overriding interest. The claim centred on allegations of civil fraud and was related to high profile criminal proceedings relating to the premises (2016) (HCt).
- Acted for the trustees of "fighting fund" in application relating to use of the fund in legal proceedings relating to a tax scheme. The case to which the fund relates is high profile (2016) (HCt).
- Advised trustees of trust on the implications of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 for the trust (2015).
- Represented former employee in claim based on promised interest in shares by owners/directors, relying upon trusts analysis. The case was further complicated because shares had been swapped into a major international company.

SECURITY INCLUDING LPA RECEIVERSHIPS

- Advising a peer to peer pawn broking platform in respect of loans secured against six ships (2017).
- Advised assignee of mortgages and guarantees on alleged undue influence in context of investment property in the North West (2015).
- **Firstpoint Security Trustee Ltd v Enterprise House Development Ltd & ors**: Acted for Law of Property Act receivers of a hotel in the Midlands in successfully defending application for an injunction brought by second charge holder and securing payment of the costs and expenses of the receivers (2014)(HCt).
- **Paragon Mortgages Ltd v MP** [2011] All ER (D) 65 (David Steel J) Acted for borrower in multi-million pound claims under guarantees and on personal mortgages of buy to let properties in Leeds in circumstances where LPA receivers had been appointed.

PARTNERSHIP AND PROPRIETARY ESTOPPEL DISPUTES

- Acting in a factually and legally complex property dispute spanning 40 years within a family in respect of a property portfolio valued at c. £4m and alleged partnership, in which she led other Counsel (2020).
- Successfully acted for defendant to claims of approximately £1 million in respect of solicitors' partnership in legally and factually complex claim involving property portfolio. Case involved complex limitation issues and an entangled factual history (2020 – 2022).
- Representing a partner in a family farming partnership in a

dispute involving an enviable Yorkshire Wolds arable farm valued in excess of £6 million in which a proprietary estoppel claim was made (2017 – 2018).
- Successfully defending a claim under a joint venture agreement and by proprietary estoppel to a valuable quarry at a 2 week trial (2016 – 2019).

Recommendations

Directories

Chambers and Partners UK Bar Guide 2026

Band 1 Leading Silk in Chancery

Lisa Linklater KC of Exchange Chambers is a well-regarded commercial chancery barrister with particular expertise in insolvency matters and shareholder disputes.

“Lisa can be really thorough and will really get into the detail of the claim. We feel more prepared than anyone for a hearing. Her advocacy is top-notch and she is very persuasive.”

“Lisa is absolutely a leading barrister. She is great.”

Band 1 Leading Silk in Restructuring and Insolvency

Lisa Linklater KC is an experienced barrister frequently instructed in the full range of personal and corporate insolvency cases including those relating to administrations, bankruptcy and liquidation. She represents an array of clients.

“Lisa is a very proactive, very knowledgeable, commercially aware, clear and concise advocate.”

“Lisa is all over the technical detail. She is a high-quality adviser who is very reliable and impeccably prepared.”

“We tend to go to Lisa for the complex and unusual matters, where there is no case law or detailed analysis is required.”

“She is very calm, very methodical and even when clients are passionate about a particular issue she runs through her point very calmly.”

Band 1 Leading Silk in Commercial Dispute Resolution

"She is very user-friendly and proactive. Always willing to offer review and always willing to talk things through, which is extremely valuable."

Legal 500 UK Bar Guide 2026

Tier 1 Leading Silk in Company and Insolvency

Lisa Linklater KC is noted particularly for her experience handling shareholder disputes and insolvency matters. She offers 'pragmatic and commercially aware advice' to national and international clients on a regular basis.

"Lisa's attention to detail is immaculate and her advice is tailored to individual client's needs."

Tier 1 Leading Silk for Commercial Litigation

"Lisa is an accomplished silk. She gets to grips with complex cases with ease and pace. She is a pleasure to work with."

Chambers and Partners UK Bar Guide 2025

Band 1 Leading Silk in Commercial Dispute Resolution

"Lisa is great at building rapport with clients. She's absolutely great in helping steer a matter to a successful conclusion and she's not afraid of taking the plunge when you have to be decisive."

"Lisa is extremely good at unfair prejudice and shareholder disputes."

"Lisa has got such an eye for detail and she is always challenging us on aspects of the case we might not have thought of. She really raises the game of everyone working with her."

Band 1 Leading Silk in Chancery

"Lisa is very capable with complex commercial litigation and is able to cut through complicated matters quickly. She is a pleasure to work with and is also great with clients."

"Lisa is very good on unfair prejudice petitions and shareholder disputes. She has got such an eye for detail, always challenging us on aspects of the case and raising the game of everyone around her."

"She's built up a national reputation in this area. Lisa isn't fazed by the complexity or the value of matters. Her input is vital, she's always considered.

Band 1 Leading Silk in Restructuring and Insolvency

"Lisa Linklater is an excellent barrister. She is very experienced and very well thought of. A formidable opponent."

"Lisa is technically excellent. She always gives thoughtful and considered advice."

Legal 500 UK Bar Guide 2025

Tier 1 Leading Silk in Company and Insolvency

'Lisa is pragmatic, intelligent, and always calm and considered. She is able to provide commercial solutions to problems.'

Tier 1 Leading Silk in Commercial Dispute Resolution

'Lisa is a tremendous barrister, who exudes a quiet but authoritative command of the details of the case. She is tenacious in battle.'

Chambers and Partners 2024 recommends Lisa as a Tier 1 silk in each of the practice areas of Commercial Dispute Resolution, Restructuring/Insolvency and Chancery and highlights her expertise and experience in shareholder disputes, insolvency litigation and directors' duties.

Chambers and Partners 2024 (Chancery/Commercial Dispute Resolution/Restructuring/Insolvency – Tier 1)

"Lisa is top class, extremely knowledgeable and incredibly hard-working."

"Lisa is very strong technically; she fights the clients' corner, leaves no stone unturned and knows the law inside out. Her written work is excellent."

"Lisa is personable, has a collaborative approach and is very technical."

The Legal 500, 2024 (Company and Insolvency/ Commercial Litigation – Tier 1)

'Lisa is very thorough and is always well prepared. A proactive silk.'

'Lisa's knowledge of shareholder disputes and the law on unfair prejudice is outstanding. A strategically astute silk.'

Chambers and Partners 2023 (Commercial Dispute Resolution, Restructuring/Insolvency and Chancery)

"Lisa is scrupulous. She is hands-on in getting to know the client's business."

"Lisa is technically superb."

"Very thorough and decisive."

The Legal 500, 2023 (Company and Insolvency)

'Lisa is very responsive and incredibly academic – she researches her cases inside out. She gives clear, concise advice.'

The Legal 500, 2022 (Tier 1 Company and Insolvency)

"Lisa is meticulous, very, very sharp, and has a wealth of knowledge. Always well prepared and an excellent advocate."

Chambers and Partners 2022 (Band 1 Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Lisa Linklater has been excellent – she is very good with clients, and very measured and meticulous in her approach."
"Lisa has been really collaborative and attentive."

Chambers and Partners 2022 (Restructuring/Insolvency)

"Lisa is a highly academic and organised advocate who knows her cases inside out. She is always a pleasure to deal with and to instruct."

Chambers and Partners 2021 (Chancery)

"You have to do your homework when you are against her."
"Her knowledge and expertise is first-rate."

Chambers and Partners 2021 (Restructuring/Insolvency)

"She has a very good eye for detail."
"Experienced and has the confidence of the court."
"She's good under pressure, diligent and very calm on her feet."

Chambers and Partners 2021 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"She is very technically astute and I can see why she is well respected in the region for this sort of work."
"A very thorough and insightful analyst on the key issues."

The Legal 500, 2021 (Tier 1 Company and Insolvency)

"Lisa is very academic and always researches her cases fully. She is always well prepared and her written submissions are always excellent demonstrating her knowledge of cases. Lisa is a great advocate and is very persuasive."

Chambers and Partners 2020 (Chancery)

"She is unflappable, extremely well prepared and an excellent advocate who is as strong on her feet as she is on paper."
"She is a very astute barrister with excellent commercial acumen. Her judgement is always spot-on and she is decisive in even the most complicated scenarios."

Chambers and Partners 2020 (Restructuring/Insolvency)

"She is brilliant technically, great on her feet and her written work is really good."
"Gets to the heart of the details and is very thorough. She really fights her client's corner and is dogged and robust in her approach."

The Legal 500, 2020 (Tier 1 Company and Insolvency)

"Very highly-regarded both as a lawyer and as an advocate."

Chambers and Partners 2019

"She is knowledgeable, persuasive in court and excellent on complex legal problems."
"She is thorough, methodical and an excellent all-rounder."

The Legal 500, 2018/19

"Imperturbable and impressive in court; a force to be reckoned with."

Testimonials

"It was a pleasure to work with Lisa, whose hard work 24/7, excellent advocacy and expertise throughout was an invaluable factor in achieving this outcome." Excello Law (2023)

"Lisa Linklater KC was incredible during all meetings and teams calls. Her vast amount of knowledge and confidence in the strength of our case was very reassuring. Her opening speech showed that she knew the case in depth and she knew exactly how to deliver her points firmly and in a strong and confident manner. Lisa was worth every single penny. She absolutely commanded the mediation and her confidence and knowledge were second to none." Mrs C (client in shareholder dispute)(2023)

"Lisa provided a great service and her insight into the case was very helpful. Her communication was always prompt." Mr B (client in shareholder dispute)(2023)

"I have retained Lisa on a number of complicated shareholder disputes. She is sharp, focussed and decisive and is able to navigate the most challenging legal and factual issues with aplomb. Lisa prepares thoroughly for hearings, ensuring all bases are covered, and her presentation of a case to court is both measured and highly effective."
Adam Maher, Partner, Head of Commercial Litigation, Myerson LLP (2022)

"Your strategy was perfect and delivered exactly the result the client was looking for" Joshua Briggs, Head of Dispute Resolution, Wilkin Chapman LLP (2022)

"Lisa is very much a team player. She is very diligent, unflappable and measured in her submissions" Stuart Frith, Partner – Restructuring and Insolvency, Stephenson Harwood LLP (2019)

"Your clarity of thinking and leadership was much appreciated" Insolvency Practitioner Client, 2019

"Thank you for your focussed and effective advocacy" Government lawyer, 2018

"I could not have asked for a better legal team than [solicitor's firm] and Lisa Linklater" client following mediation, 2017

"This was a fantastic result" Managing director and commercial dispute resolution solicitor, 2016

"Your expert presentation of the case to the court was exceptional" Partner and head of Commercial Dispute Resolution Department following trial in 2016

Publications

Member of the editorial advisory board of "The Company Lawyer" (Sweet & Maxwell).

Restructuring Plans and HMRC: Recent Developments (R3 press, policy and research update, November 2023).

Shareholder Disputes: Unfair Prejudice Petitions and The Art of Share Valuation (Solicitors Journal, 2022) 165(9), 25 – 27.

"Directors' Duties in Times of Change" (R3's Recovery Newsletter, April 2022).

"Virgin Active and New Look: A new dawn for the rescue culture?" (Sweet & Maxwell's Insolvency Intelligence 2021, 34(3), 55 – 57).

"Legal Professional Privilege: Breach of a Company Director's Duties and the Iniquity Exception in Practice" (Feature article, LexisNexis Corporate Rescue & Insolvency Journal, December 2020, 13(6), 194 – 195).

"Changing Times: Aspects of Creditor Enforcement in Administration and the New Moratorium" (Sweet & Maxwell's Insolvency Intelligence 2020, 33(3), 96 – 98).

"Furlough and Administration: When is a Contract of Employment 'Adopted'?" (R3's Recovery, Autumn 2020).

Co-author of "Rider, Alexander, Linklater & Bazley: Market Abuse and Insider Dealing" (2nd ed, Tottel Publishing).

Member of the editorial board of "The Company Lawyer" (Sweet & Maxwell) from 2001 – 2007, regularly contributing editorials on company, finance and insolvency topics.

Beyond the Bar

Music, golf, swimming and theatre. Lisa is fluent (conversational) in French and German.