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William is a Commercial and Chancery barrister. Prior to joining St John's Buildings, William worked for a year as a judicial assistant to The Rt. Hon. Lord Justice David Richards at the Court of Appeal and spent a summer in-house within a major asset manager in London. William has recently been engaged as a Judicial Assistant to Mr Justice Hildyard in the High Court in a multi-billion pound fraudulent misrepresentation and Financial Services Markets Act 2000 Claim.

EXPERTISE

Company and Commercial

William is conversant with matters arising under the Companies Act 2006, including applications to restore companies to the register and applications to rectify the register of charges. William is familiar with the requirements of fiduciary obligations emanating from directorship and is capable of applying his knowledge of equitable duties to disputes arising out of the same. William is well versed in matters of contract law, including construing contractual provisions and formulating heads of loss and quantum for breach of contract. His experience includes:

- Settling Grounds of Appeal in a second appeal to the Court of Appeal.
- Settling Grounds of Appeal and acting as sole counsel in an appeal from the County Court relating to an underlying contract claim.
- Appeared as sole Counsel in the High Court to restrain release of a company's confidential information.
- Instructed for the Defendant in a Fast Track trial involving alleged breaches of the Sale of Goods Act 1979.
- Instructed for the Defendant Company and its directors in a Fast Track trial involving alleged breaches of various repairing covenants in a commercial lease and a claim under indemnity provisions against the directors.

- Advised a potential Claimant manufacturing company in relation to the prospects of success in bringing a claim in bailment for a rejection of damaged goods pursuant to a settlement agreement.
- Appeared as sole Counsel in a Fast Track trial on behalf of the Defendant in a debt claim for unpaid solicitors' fees.
- Appeared as sole Counsel for the successful Claimant in a Fast Track trial of a construction dispute.
- Appeared for the successful Claimant in a claim for monies due under a share sale agreement where the purchaser alleged economic duress.
- Appeared on behalf of the company in an application to rectify the register of charges.
- Appeared on behalf of a Claimant for restoration of a company to the register.
- Drafted applications for the rectification of the register of charges.
- Drafted Particulars of Claim in relation to contractual disputes.
- Advised and drafted particulars of claim in relation to a breach of partnership agreement.
- Advised an insurer in relation to whether the cause of action for an underlying dispute was under cover and with the Claimant or whether it was with an uninsured third party. Advised on the application of agency principles.
- Drafted a Defence and Counterclaim in a claim involving alleged breaches of a digital services contract.
- Assisted in drafting Particulars of Claim in relation to a copyright dispute over computer software involving misrepresentation and breach of fiduciary duty.

Banking, Finance and Insolvency

William is familiar with the principles of insolvency law and has experience of winding up and bankruptcy. William is knowledgeable in the area of restructuring including schemes of arrangement and exit consents. William is also capable of undertaking work in the field of insurance and arbitration. William spent time working in-house in a major asset management company and completed an LLM with distinction in Banking and Finance Law prior to commencing practice. His experience includes:

- Successfully appeared in a contested allocation hearing for the Claimant in a PPI claim and obtained allocation to the Fast Track
- Advised a creditor in a high value cross-border matter in relation to a suite of loan and security documents. This involved, among other matters, the application of the principles of the equity of redemption to guarantors, trustees and beneficiaries under a trust
- Appeared on behalf of the Creditor in a contested winding up petition involving a debt in excess of £120,000 and the legal principles applicable to deeds and promissory notes
- Appeared on behalf of the Creditor in bankruptcy proceedings
- Assisted in settling grounds of appeal and drafting the skeleton argument for permission for a second appeal to the Court of Appeal in a case involving security for costs ordered against an individual who was simultaneously bankrupt and subject to a Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 restraint order
- Assisted with settling grounds of appeal and drafting the skeleton argument for permission to

appeal to the High Court in a case involving bankruptcy proceedings brought by the assignee of a debt

- Assisted in drafting the skeleton argument and preparing for an Insurance Arbitration held in London.

Property and Private Client

William has a firm grasp of the principles of Chancery law and is capable of acting in a range of Chancery and property disputes. His experience includes:

- Appeared as Sole counsel in an injunction application pending resolution of a boundary dispute
- Appeared for the Claimant Landlord in multiple possession proceedings
- Appeared for the successful Defendant Leaseholder in a claim for unpaid service charges
- Advised in relation to a boundary dispute and the application of the Land Registration Act 2002 to adverse possession principles
- Advised in relation to the application of Quistclose and resulting trust principles to advancement of monies under a joint venture
- Advised in relation to the construction of a conveyance in relation to a boundary dispute
- Successfully appeared on behalf of the Claimant lender in an application under section 14 of the Trusts of Land Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 for the sale of a property charged with the debt
- Advised the beneficiary under a constructive trust of real property of the prospects of successfully applying for a declaration that they owned 100% of the beneficial interest
- Drafted Particulars of Claim for possession proceedings against trespassers
- Drafted Particulars of Claim for rectification of the Land Register and possession consequent on rectification
- Advised a vendor of real property on the prospects of successfully defending a claim under the Misrepresentation Act 1967 in relation to representations made by the vendor as to certain rights of way held by the property prior to sale
- Advised a vendor of real property on the prospects of successfully defending a claim under the Misrepresentation Act 1967 in relation to representations made by the vendor as to the presence of invasive species on the property prior to sale.

Sport, Media and Entertainment Law

William has a growing interest in the area of sports law where he brings his commercial dispute acumen to bear. His experience includes:

- Successfully defended a Coach and Assistant Coach in a disciplinary matter brought by the FA
- Successfully defended a Coach in an RFU disciplinary matter.