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Introduction

Robert has a broad civil practice in all core areas of chambers. He has acted in complex litigation, acting as sole counsel in s.204 homelessness appeals and multi-day employment trials, and junior counsel in the Court of Appeal and in multi-track trials. Robert is accomplished in drafting and advisory work, maintaining a busy paperwork practice alongside his court work. Robert has received praise from both professional and lay clients in respect of his client care.

Social Housing Law

Robert regularly represents both landlords and tenants in all aspects of housing law, including possession, disrepair, homelessness, statutory nuisance and anti-social behaviour injunctions. Robert is particular good at dealing with Equality Act issues that arise in housing cases as he is regularly exposed to these issues in both his housing and employment practice. Robert also regularly advises parties on liability and quantum in disrepair cases

Recent matters

- Led by Mathew McDermott (of 42BR) in the Court of Appeal on a second appeal considering the effect of rent repayment orders
- In 2021 and 2022, led by Iris Ferber (of 42BR) representing a local authority in a long-running, very high value disrepair claim brought by a tenant with serious physical and mental health vulnerabilities. The 6-day liability trial involved complex questions of the causation of condensation mould and the cross-examination of surveyor expert witnesses.
- s.204 homelessness appeal arguing that the council had failed to take into account the applicants' need to save money for his wife's intermittent visa renewal
- s.204 homelessness appeal on 'last settled accommodation'
- One-day trial in the magistrates' court in respect of whether a landlord was the 'person responsible' for

rodent activity in a Victorian property.