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Introduction

Charles was called to the Bar in July 1980 and after completing pupillage became a founding barrister member of 169, Temple Chambers in February 1982 where he successfully built an exclusively civil practice as a barrister before moving to 13 Kings Bench Walk in September 2011 and 42 Bedford Row in May 2014. Charles has also worked with the Inns of Court School of Law conducting practical exercises classes and examination marking for Bar Vocational Course students. Charles also has a screen career as a participant in model advocacy videos filmed by the Inns of Court School of Law and City University Law School. Charles is a former editorial contributor to Current Law and a current editorial contributor to Blackstones Civil Practice as well as a contributor to the Bar Professional Training Course Advocacy Manual. Charles is also a member of the panel of legally qualified chairs for appeals conducted by the British Equestrian Federation. Charles has worked with leading counsel on a number of occasions. Charles sees his role as that of a problem solver instructed to achieve the best outcome for his lay and professional clients in the light of the law as it is and as it should be.

Charles is experienced in a broad range of civil work and his principal practice areas which often overlap with each other. His principal practice areas are:

Commercial work

Company and commercial contract and tort disputes, insurance disputes, partnership disputes and insolvency disputes in the High Court and the County Court. Charles experience in these areas encompasses interim remedies and freezing injunctions.

Property work

Freehold and leasehold property disputes involving contracts for the sale of land, leases and tenancy agreements, wills and trusts and relating to title, boundaries, possession, securities and easements and covenants.

Personal injury work

Claimant and defendant work in personal injury and Fatal Accident Act claims in the fields of employer's liability, product liability, public liability and road traffic accidents and travel liability. Charles' experience encompasses a number of catastrophic injury claims with damages in excess of £1 million. Charles' experience also

encompasses defending prosecutions under the Health & Safety at Work Act and associated health and safety regulations.

Charles also has experience in dealing with professional negligence claims related to the areas in which he works and has worked with leading counsel on a number of occasions. Charles sees his role as that of a problem solver instructed to achieve the best outcome for his lay and professional clients in the light of the law as it is and as it should be.

Banking and financial services

Charles has experience in disputes arising out of bank and customer relationships, bills of exchange, cheques and other negotiable instruments, securities and investments.

Commercial

Company and commercial contract and tort disputes, insurance disputes, partnership disputes and insolvency disputes in the High Court and the County Court. Charles experience in these areas encompasses interim remedies and freezing injunctions.

Commercial litigation

Charles has experience in disputes involving commercial contracts dealing with matters such as agency relationships, business sale agreements, franchise agreements, insurance policies, joint venture agreements, sale of goods, supply of goods and services, share sale agreements and other business to business relationships giving rise to liabilities in contract or tort.

Company & partnership

Charles has experience in disputes involving company shareholders such as breach of shareholder agreements and conduct prejudicial to minority shareholders, directors' fiduciary duties and company management and administration.

Charles has experience in disputes between partners relating to partnership agreements, the management and administration of partnerships, the dissolution of partnerships, partners' fiduciary duties and obligations

or rights of account, contribution and indemnity between partners. Charles has dealt with farming partnerships, business partnerships and professional partnerships such as architects and solicitors.

Accreditations

- *“Very approachable, extraordinarily thorough, and a strong fighter for his clients. A good man to have in your corner”*
Mark Merriam, partner Ashton KCJ

Professional memberships

- PIBA
- South-Eastern Circuit
- Property Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association

Selected cases

- Bankers Insurance Co v South & Gardner Buckley J: travel insurance policy construction and application to a jet ski accident in Cyprus
- Samuels v Benning CA: evaluation of future loss of earnings claim
- Grealis v Opuni CA: liability in road traffic accident involving a car and pizza delivery motorcyclist
- Gorne v Scales CA: damages for misuse of confidential information in an agricultural partnership dispute
- Sinclair v Sinclair Chancery Division: breach of trustee duties on the part of an executor and trustee and liability to account

Publications

- Contributor to BLACKSTONE'S CIVIL PRACTICE published by Oxford University Press
- Contributor to BAR VOCATIONAL COURSE ADVOCACY MANUAL published by Oxford University Press
- Former contributor for CURRENT LAW published by Sweet & Maxwell

Education

- Dunsmore School for Boys in Rugby 1974 and 1976 'O' AND 'A' Levels
- Kings College London University –LL.B (HONS) 1979
- Inns of Court School of Law – BAR FINALS 1980 (top 100)

Other information

Charles is actively involved in scuba diving and travel abroad with interests in the arts, music, film and photography and armchair sports. For many years until 2008 Charles rode motorcycles on a daily basis.