

David Hoffman

Year of Call: **1997**



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David specialises in business and property work across the Northern Circuit. He is listed in the Legal 500 which, for 2017, recommends him as 'Very experienced across the spectrum of Chancery law.'

He undertakes a broad range of business and property work, including contract drafting as well as litigation, and general commercial work such as insurance, construction, IT and e-commerce and professional negligence. His property practice includes property disputes, insolvency, trusts and wills and other general succession matters. He is also experienced working as a junior to QCs and as part of a team on larger or more complex matters.

David is qualified as an arbitrator by being a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and CEDR accredited mediator, and is an experienced advocate both in mediation and arbitration. He has an excellent record of settling cases by ADR.

Business

contract litigation including sale of goods and services
professional negligence
construction
insurance and banking
company disputes
passing off and breach of confidence
drafting commercial contracts and standard terms

Property Law

land and real property
conveyancing disputes
landlord and tenant and housing
partnerships
breach of fiduciary duty and civil fraud
insolvency
equity and trusts
family provision, wills and succession

Education

School: Manchester Grammar School
University: University College, Oxford
Inns of Court School of Law

Qualifications

First class law degree, University College Oxford (1993)
BCL graduate degree, University College Oxford (1994)
College Scholarship

CEDR-accredited Mediator
Fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Professional Memberships

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
CEDR
Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
Society of Legal Scholars
European Circuit

Notable Cases

Wild v Wild (2018) EWHC 2197 (Ch), [2018] All ER (D) 04 (Sep) family farming partnership, trial on whether farm and other assets are part of the partnership

Lavin v Hawayek (2017)
setting aside default judgment; partnership dispute

Hitchen v Hitchen (2012)
series of successful contempt of court regarding partnership dispute.

Acacia Securities Ltd v Sukhram (2011)
freezing injunction, breach of fiduciary duty

Waterfall v HSBC (2008, HC) LTL 13/1/2009
professional negligence in provision of financial services

Coupers Partnerships Ltd v Basarik (2007, CA) [2007] EWCA Civ 40
contractual interpretation of a ratings agency contract and the condition upon which fee is due

Parker v Snyder (2004-5, HC)
civil fraud, led by Clive Freedman QC

T&N v Royal Sun Alliance (2003, HC, CA) [2003] EWHC 1016 (Ch)
asbestos insurance case; CA - successful case management appeal, led by Christopher Moger QC and Jeffrey Terry.

Also acted in substantial commercial arbitrations which can't be named for reasons of confidentiality, including as a junior to leading commercial silk Clive Freedman QC in particular regarding biotech contracts, other commercial contracts and partnership disputes.