

Richard Chapman QC

Year of Silk: **2019** | Year of Call: **1998**



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Richard Chapman QC was called in 1998 and took silk in 2019. He also became Head of Chambers in 2019.

Richard specialises in all areas of Business and Property litigation including disputes relating to commercial law, chancery, contracts, company, insolvency, directors' duties, insurance, professional negligence, banking, partnership, landlord and tenant, trusts, succession and probate. He also specialises in tax and VAT litigation and sits as a Fee Paid Judge of the First-Tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber).

Richard has appeared in the European Court of Justice, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal. He is consistently highly praised in legal directories. Chambers and Partners has said that, "He is brilliant, down to earth, practical and sensible. He's good at dealing with difficult clients and explaining things in easy-to-understand ways. ... He is experienced, commercial and excellent on his feet. ... He's incredibly courteous and very approachable." The Legal 500 has said, "A devastatingly effective cross-examiner," and, "His authoritative demeanour impresses in court."

Richard was the only Business and Property specialist outside London to take silk in 2019.

Education

School: Manchester Grammar School
University: University of Oxford, Brasenose College - BA(Oxon)
School of Law: Inns of Court School of Law
Somerset Iver Exhibition - Brasenose College
Lord Justice Holker Award - Gray's Inn

Professional Memberships

Fee-Paid (Part Time) Judge of the First-tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber)
Chair of the Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
Northern Chancery Bar Association
Circuit Commercial Court Users Group Committee
British Irish Commercial Bar Association (Treasurer 2017-2019)
Attorney General's Civil Regional A Panel 2002-2019 (prior to taking silk)

Notable Cases

MV Promotions Ltd and Michael Vaughan v Telegraph Media Group Ltd [2020] EWHC 1357 [2020] STI 1389(HH) Hodge QC sitting as a Judge of the High Court (Rectification of contracts)

Lunar Missions Ltd v HMRC [2019] STC 2204 (Upper Tribunal, Barling J and Judge Ashley Greenbank) (VAT treatment of Kickstarter funding for a lunar mission)

Nesbit Law Group LLP v Acasta European Insurance Co Ltd [2018] EWCA Civ 268 (Court of Appeal)

(Contractual construction of an insurance contract).

Shields & Sons Partnership v HMRC (Case C-262/16) [2017] STC 2205 (Court of Justice of the European Union) (Agricultural flat rate schemes)

Re: Enterprise Insurance Company plc, Lawtel, [2017] EWHC 1595 (Newey J) (Insurer's termination of a solicitor's retainer)

Impact Funding Solutions Ltd v AIG Europe Ltd [2017] AC 73 (Supreme Court) (Scope of cover in a professional indemnity insurance policy)

Re: Rivelyn, 2016 (His Honour Judge Kaye QC sitting as a Judge of the High Court) (£3,000,000 claim for professional negligence by solicitors)

Shields & Sons Partnership v HMRC [2016] UKUT 142 (TCC) (Nugee J) (Cancellation of VAT flat-rate scheme certificate)

North of England Zoological Society v HMRC [2015] UKFTT 287 (TC) (First-tier Tribunal)(direct and immediate link between inputs and taxable supplies)

Sandher v Pearson [2013] EWCA Civ 1822 (Court of Appeal) (Unjust enrichment)

Wm Morrison Supermarkets Ltd v Revenue and Customs Commissioners [2013] UKUT 247 (TCC) (Upper Tribunal - Vos J) (VAT treatment of disposable barbecues - lead case)

Loughborough Student's Union v Revenue and Customs Commissioners [2013] (Upper Tribunal)

Manchester Building Society v Honeybourne Kenny [2013] EWHC 203 (CH) (Service of a claim form upon a partnership)1st 4 Report Ltd v HMRC [2012] UKFTT 641 (TC) (MTIC - Successfully upheld HMRC's refusal to repay input tax of £2,289,786.97)

PS Gill & Son (UK) Ltd v HMRC [2012] UKFTT 374 (TC) (MTIC - Successfully upheld HMRC's refusal to repay input tax of £2,448,530)

Loughborough Student's Union v Revenue and Customs Commissioners [2012] UKFTT 331 (TC)

3 Cube Real Estate Ltd v Pilkington, 13 January 2012, His Honour Judge Hegarty QC sitting as a Judge of the High Court (Mercantile Court) (Contractual dispute)

Benridge Care Homes Ltd v Revenue and Customs Commissioners [2012] UKUT 132 (TCC) (Upper Tribunal)

In the Matter of Langreen Ltd, 21 October 2011 (Wrongful trading proceedings)

Megantic Services Ltd v Revenue and Customs Commissioners [2010] UKFTT 125 (TC)

Friendly Loans Ltd v Revenue and Customs Commissioners [2010] SFTD 96

Broome and Wellington LP v Greenstein [2009] EWCA Civ 589 (Guarantees)

Asda Stores Ltd v Revenue and Customs Commissioners [2009] UKFTT 247 (TC), [2010] SFTD 175 (VAT categorisation of flapjack bars)

British Association for Shooting and Conservation Ltd v Revenue and Customs Commissioners [2009] EWHC 300 (Ch), [2009] STC 1421 (first instance at [2008] STI 2380), Lewison J (VAT exemptions for supplies closely linked to sport and for political, philanthropic or civic activities)

Black Horse Ltd v Langford [2007] EWHC 907 (QB), Gray J (Construction of section 56(1) of the Consumer Credit Act 1974)

Ikram v Latif [2006] NPC 32, Anthony Ellera QC sitting as a recorder - see also appeal in front of HHJ Hodge QC (Constructive trusts and proprietary estoppel)