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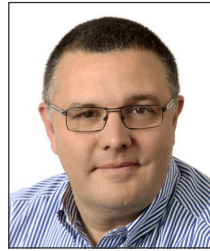


about **clerksroom**



Harry Hodgkin

Co-Founder, Finance Director of Clerksroom
& Head of Chambers.



Stephen Ward

Co-Founder & Managing Director
of Clerksroom.

Stephen started his career as a barristers' clerk in 1983, becoming one of the youngest senior clerks in the UK after 10 years' experience at 3 Serjeants Inn and Atkin Chambers in Grays Inn.

Harry is an experienced barrister practising in commercial and chancery work.

In 2001, Stephen and Harry co-founded Clerksroom with an ambition to build a unique national chambers for advocacy, advice and drafting. The service is for solicitors, lawyers, businesses, and the public.

The company now has a team of 20 clerks and oversees the worldwide operations of a £12m business. Providing 24/7 availability, clerksroom has 125 barristers, 270 independent mediators and conducts over 1500 final hearings each month in addition to 1,000 associated barristers for public access work from 350 chambers in England & Wales.

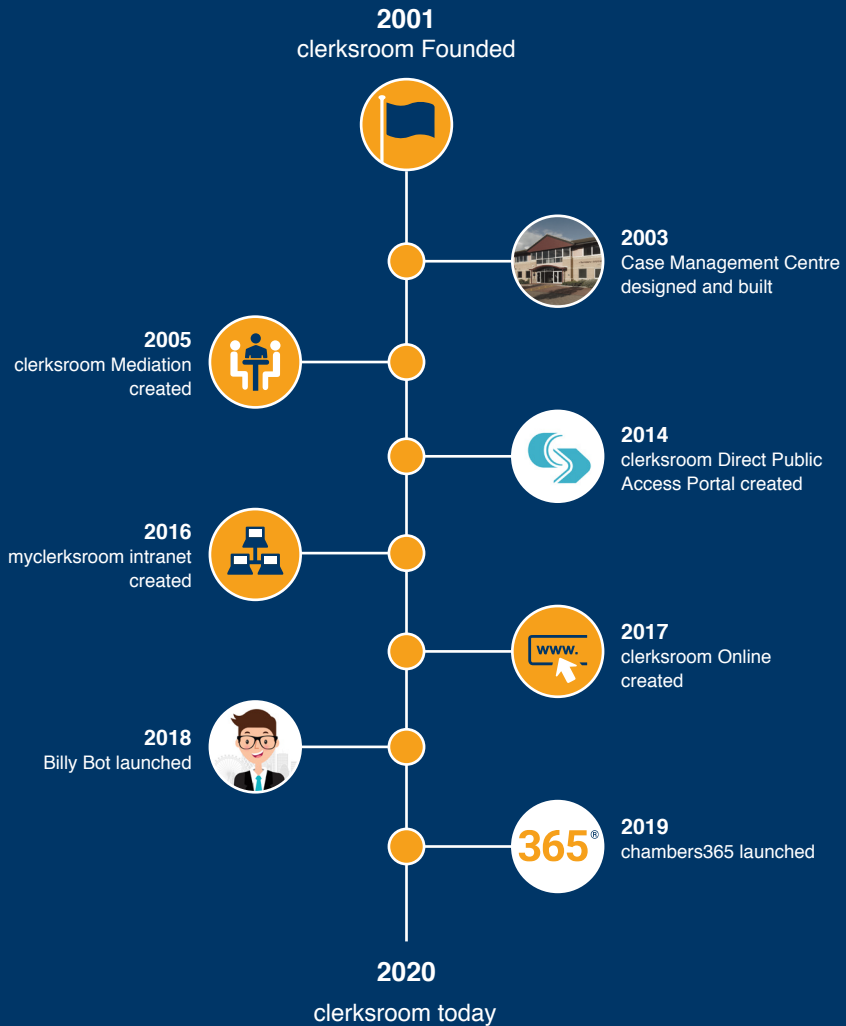
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Innovations include **clerksroomdirect.com**, clerksroom's unique public access portal and Billy Bot, the robot junior clerk and chatbot at **www.billybot.co.uk**

The most recent clerksroom technological development, launched in 2019, is Chambers365, which is a cloud-based case management system. **www.chambers365.com**

Chambers365 has over 21,000 solicitors and 125 barristers as registered users.

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Our aim is to respect the established traditions of the Bar
whilst adding a blend of innovation and imagination applied
to modern processes. Quite simply, we respect the past but
we want to help shape the way legal services are
accessed and delivered in the future.

Innovation is often about listening which means we want to hear from
you and learn about how you would like us to develop our chambers
and deliver our services in ways which benefit you and your firm.

We are here to help you, whatever the challenge.

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- Making it all as simple as possible
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- Giving you clear information so you can make informed choices
- Saving you time
- Time is money

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- Promoting **#brandbar** domestically and internationally as Barristers in England & Wales are recognised as the finest in the world
- Promoting junior barristers and all the benefits they offer
- Re-thinking the traditional route to Barristers & Mediators with an open mind



our people

Barristers, Mediation,
Support Team &
Trusted Partners



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integrity and **value**
for money

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clerksroom | **Brexit Law** Team

Our Members Include:

Caroline Langley
Graeme Wood
Greg Walsh
Harry Hodgkin
James Osborne
Raoul Downey
Tahir Ashraf
Theo Pangraz



Introduction

Our Brexit team are here to help anticipate and prepare for imminent changes to the business, financial, automotive, agriculture, food and chemicals sector throughout and beyond the Brexit process.

If you have any enquiry regarding Brexit law, please do contact

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Head of team:



Caroline Langley

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Client Feedback



It's rare to find such a phenomenal talent as Caroline. It has been my privilege to work with Caroline for the past several years on complex international law matters.

Warren Lichenstein

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Business & Commercial Law Team

Our Members Include:

Andrew Turner
Anthony Cutler
Barry Cawsey
Barry Havenhand
Blair Toner
Charles Davey
Christopher Austins
Christy Burzio
Claire Clift
Colin Andress
Daniel ShenSmith
David Kinnear
Ed Ross
Fatima Bakare
Gareth Nixon-Moss
Gareth-Lee Smith
Geoffrey Mott
Gerry Heap
Graeme Wood
Greg Walsh
Harpreet Giani
Harry Hodgkin

Henry Mainwaring
Hugo de Rijke
Huw Shephard
Iain MacLauchlan
James Miller
James Osborne
James Rudall
John Hardcastle
Jonathan Perry
Judi Kemish
Manan Singh
Mariam El-Sobky
Mark Monaghan
Mark O'Callaghan
Michael O'Neill
Michelle Freedman
Neil Hughes
Nicholas Dugdale
Nicholas Preston
Nicholas Wright
Oriel Hinds
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Ragi Joseph
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Raoul Downey
Rebecca Hodgkin
Robert Jones
Robin Somerville
Samuel Waritay
Sarah Chatburn
Sarah Clarke
Sarah Platts
Simon McCrossan
Stephane Osborne
Stephen David
Tahir Ashraf
Taj Uddin
Theo Pangraz
Tina Kumar
Zia Rahman



Introduction

The Clerksroom Business and Commercial Law group was founded by Harry Hodgkin in 2001. As Head of Group Harry now leads more than 45 barristers across the following areas of law: Bankruptcy, Banking & Financial Services, Chancery, Company, Contract, Debt, Insolvency, Insurance & Reinsurance and other Common Law.

Many of the group offer training and are all willing to discuss any aspect of their work so if you have any enquiry regarding Business & Commercial Law, please contact **Harry Hodgkin** direct using **hodgkin@clerksroom.com** or any of the support team on **01823 247 247** or **mail@clerksroom.com**

Expertise includes

- Bankruptcy
- Banking & Financial Services
- Chancery
- Contract
- Debt
- Insolvency
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- Tax

Head of team:



Harry Hodgkin

Email: hodgkin@clerksroom.com

Client Feedback

“ Harry took on our brief and responded quickly with all the skill and expertise required. He was quick to appreciate and deal with the commercial issues involved, which were of paramount importance to us.

Matthew Somervell

Finance Director

- *Morgan Law Partners LLP*

clerkroom | **Clinical Negligence Team**

Our Members Include:

Anthony Cutler
Barry Cawsey
Carly Walters
Caroline Langley
Fatima Bakare
Geoffrey Mott
Gerry Heap
Harpreet Giani
Henry Mainwaring
James Miller
James Osborne
John Hardcastle
Mariam El-Sobky

Mark O'Callaghan
Michael O'Neill
Michael Powers QC
Michael Shaw
Nicholas Wright
Paul Brennan
Peter Wade
Phil Hodder
Ragi Joseph
Raoul Downey
Stephane Osborne
Taj Uddin



Introduction

Dr Michael Powers QC has led the Clerksroom Clinical Negligence group since its inception in 2003. The group has grown to include 3 more specialists and more than a dozen other counsel experienced in this area of law with expertise ranging from cerebral palsy, brain damage, pharmaceutical litigation, dental negligence, to cauda equina, A&E misdiagnosis and failure to treat and NHS complaints procedures and redress.

Members of the Clinical Negligence group offer training and are happy to be contacted either directly by email or via any of the support team on **01823 247 247** or **mail@clerksroom.com**

Head of team:



Dr Michael Powers QC

Email: powersqc@clerksroom.com

Client Feedback

“ I have worked with Dr Michael Powers QC over the last 8 years or so on a number of difficult and challenging cases. Both I and my clients have always been most impressed with the service that we have received.

David Black

Partner, Head of PI & Clin Neg
- Bower & Bailey

clerksroom | **Commercial
Arbitration
& ADR Team**

Our Members Include:

Andrew Noble
Caroline Langley
David Kinnear
Harpreet Giani
Harry Hodgkin
Henry Mainwaring
Judi Kemish
Manan Singh
Michael O'Neill
Raul Downey
Robin Somerville
Tahir Ashraf
Theo Pangraz



Introduction

Our Commercial Arbitration & ADR group, led by Andrew Noble, includes qualified arbitrators and counsel experienced in arbitration with a range of levels of expertise in different areas of law.

Their work is international and has taken them to many EMEA countries as well as India, China, South East Asia and South America. They offer arbitration training and are always willing to discuss any aspect of arbitration work.

If you have any enquiry regarding arbitration, please do contact

Andrew Noble direct using **noble@clerksroom.com** or any of the support team on **01823 247 247** or **mail@clerksroom.com**

Head of team:



Andrew Noble

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Client Feedback

“With a great reputation in construction disputes, Andrew Noble has a wealth of relevant experience on a practical level in addition to his legal abilities.

Legal 500

clerksroom | **Consumer Contracts Team**

Our Members Include:

Anthony Cutler
Carly Walters
Christopher Austins
Colin Andress
Daniel ShenSmith
David Kinnear
Dravin Bheemah
Gareth Nixon-Moss
Gareth-Lee Smith
Graeme Wood
Hugo de Rijke
James Davin
James Miller
James Osborne
John Hardcastle
Jonathan Perry

Manan Singh
Mark O'Callaghan
Miriam El-Sobky
Monica Savic-Jabrow
Neil Hughes
Nicholas Preston
Nicholas Wright
Paul Brennan
Paula Holroyd
Ralph McMullan
Robert Jones
Robin Somerville
Sarah Clarke
Sarah Platts
Stephane Osborne
Tahir Ashraf



Introduction

Carly Walters leads this group of barristers who deal mainly with flight delay claims along with consumer credit claims, sale and supply of goods and services and other consumer contractual matters.

If you would like to discuss any training requirements or any aspect of consumer contract law please email Carly direct at walters@clerksroom.com or call **01823 247 247** to speak to a member of our support team or use mail@clerksroom.com

Expertise includes

- Flight Delay Claims

Head of team:



Carly Walters

Email: walters@clerksroom.com

Client Feedback

“ Thank you for the attendance note – the result is brilliant.
(Sarah Clarke)

Claire Shallcross

Flight Delay Litigation Team
- Bott & Co. Solicitors

clerksroom | **Costs Team**

Our Members Include:

Ahmer Sajid
Andrew Turner
Anthony Cutler
Barry Cawsey
Barry Havenhand
Carly Walters
Charles Davey
Christy Burzio
Claire Clift
Colin Andress
Ed Ross
Fatima Bakare
Gareth Nixon-Moss
Gareth-Lee Smith
Geoffrey Mott
Gerry Heap

Henry Mainwaring
Huw Shephard
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Nicholas Dugdale
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Paul Brennan
Paul O'Callaghan
Paula Holroyd

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Phil Hodder
Ragi Joseph
Ralph McMullan
Raoul Downey
Rebecca Hodgkin
Sarah Clarke
Simon McCrossan
Sue Pawar-Price
Stephane Osborne
Taj Uddin
Tina Kumar
Zia Rahman



Introduction

Our costs group, headed by James Miller, now comprises more than 35 members, including 6 specialists. Group members are regularly instructed by paying and receiving costs lawyers, in-house legal departments and private individuals in the full range of costs matters from the Senior Courts Costs Office to County Courts nationwide.

The group offers CPD training and many are members of our Costs Resolution Service (*see p224*).

If you have any costs related enquiry please do get in touch with James Miller using miller@clerksroom.com or call the support team on **01823 247 247** or by email using mail@clerksroom.com

Head of team:



James Miller

Email: miller@clerksroom.com

Client Feedback

“ I just wanted to let you what a great job James did yesterday. His briefing to me and handling of the judge and opposition were first class and a major reason for the result.

Dave Swards
Home Agency

clerksroom | **Court of
Protection Team**

Our Members Include:

Barry Havenhand

Gareth Nixon-Moss

Ian Skeate

James Davin

James Osborne

James Ruddall

Nicholas Preston

Paul Brennan

Peter Wade

Philip Bowen



Introduction

The Court of Protection is responsible for disputes as to the registration of enduring powers of attorney, and Lasting Powers of Attorney, appointing new trustees and appointing deputies to manage the affairs of persons who do not have capacity.

If you have any enquiry regarding the Court of Protection, please contact

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Head of team:



Barry Havenhand

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Client Feedback

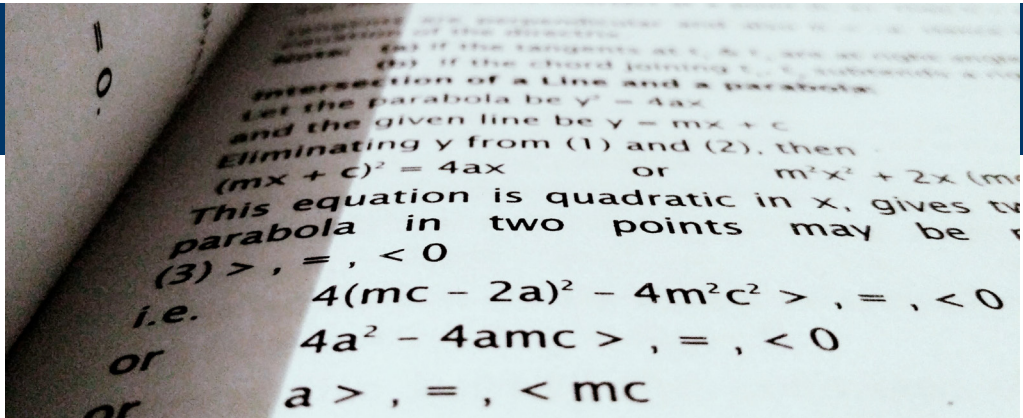
“ Thank you very much to Clerksroom and Barry [Havenhand] in particular for his work on this case. Once again Barry’s work was exemplary and I will of course be instructing Barry again at the very earliest opportunity.

Keith Jones, Director
The Keith Jones Partnership

clerksroom | **Educational Law** Team

Our Members Include:

Barry Havenhand
Daniel ShenSmith
Hugo de Rijke
Modupe Smith
Simon McCrossan



Introduction

Education law involves the application of various legal principles across education including, but not limited to SEN/ EHCP appeals, disability discrimination, admission and exclusion appeals, bullying, discrimination and disputes with independent schools.

If you have any enquiry regarding educational law, please contact

Barry Havenhand direct using **havenhand@clerksroom.com** or any of the support team on **01823 247 247** or **mail@clerksroom.com**

Head of team:



Barry Havenhand

Email: **havenhand@clerksroom.com**

Client Feedback

“ I have spoken with our client this morning who is over the moon with the outcome of yesterday's hearing. He said that you (Barry Havenhand) were great, you were on top of it all and well prepared!

Michael Williamson
Williamsons Solicitors

clerksroom | **Employment Law** Team

Our Members Include:

Barry Havenhand
Blair Toner
Caroline Langley
Charles Davey
Dravin Bheemah
Gareth Nixon-Moss
Harpreet Giani
Hugo de Rijke
James Osborne
John Hardcastle
Mark Monaghan

Nicholas Dugdale
Mariam El-Sobky
Paul O'Callaghan
Peter Wade
Rebecca Hodgkin
Robert Jones
Robin Somerville
Sarah Platts
Simon McCrossan
Terence Finn
Raoul Downey



Introduction

Headed by Dravin Bheemah, the Employment group cover all areas of employment law, from relatively straightforward unfair dismissal cases through to more complex matters, including appeals, involving discrimination, whistle blowing, victimisation and the like.

Members act for employers and employees and, as well as advocacy services, are also available to advise in both contentious and non-contentious matters.

If you would like to discuss any employment matter including training, please contact Dravin or the support team on **01823 247 247** or by email **bheemah@clerksroom.com** or **mail@clerksroom.com**

Head of team:



Dravin Bheemah

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Client Feedback

“ Thank you for your help with the above claim. The results are fantastic, and you have been a pleasure to work with. (Dravin Bheemah)

Madia Mohammed
Solicitor - AA Law Solicitors

clerksroom | **Family Team**

Our Members Include:

Anwen Walker
Arlene Small
Christopher Austins
Caroline Langley
Daniel ShenSmith
Gareth Nixon-Moss
Gareth-Lee Smith
Harpreet Giani
Harry Hodgkin
James Miller
James Osborne
Mariam El-Sobky
Mark Monaghan

Mark O'Callaghan
Michelle Freedman
Oriel Hinds
Paul Dipré
Peter Wade
Philip Bowen
Philip Hodder
Ralph McMullan
Rebecca Hodgkin
Stephane Osborne
Stephen David
Taj Uddin
Tina Villarosa



Introduction

Formed in 2001, our Family Law group includes members specialising in either money or children cases or both, as well as others who are experienced in family work who blend it with other areas of their practice. To speak to or instruct a member of the team call **01823 247 247**, email **small@clerksroom.com** or **mail@clerksroom.com**

Expertise includes

- Matrimonial Proceedings & Property Act 1984
- Financial Remedies Proceedings under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, including high net worth cases.
- Cohabitation Claims under the Trusts of Law and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996.
- Civil Partnership Claims
- Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989
- Care and Adoption Proceedings
- Non-Molestation and Occupation Orders under the Family Law Act 1996
- Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975
- Collaborative Law
- Child Arrangement Orders

Head of team:



Arlene Small

Email: **small@clerksroom.com**

Client Feedback

“Arlene clearly has a passion for all areas of family law. Arlene is approachable and is always extremely helpful and thorough in her work. Arlene builds good relationships with the clients and is always willing to go the extra mile for them.

Miss Arani
Director - *Arani Solicitors*

clerksroom | Islamic Law
Team

Our Members Include:

Mehedi Rahim



Introduction

At Clerksroom we are able to offer the very best advice, both for non-contentious and contentious matters, to guide you through the labyrinth that relates to Islamic Law, ranging from Islamic Commercial Law to Islamic Marriage Law.

We can assist you to understand and navigate through complex Islamic finance matters particularly in relation to Islamic Insurance & Reinsurance i.e. Takaful & Re-Takaful. This is mainly prominent within MENA and SE Asia markets e.g. Malaysia concerning International elements e.g. Shipping/International Contracts.

We can assist you to enter this Islamic Insurance market in line with Lloyds of London guidelines, Islamic Commercial law and English Insurance law.

To speak to or instruct a member of the team call **01823 247 247**, email **mehedi.rahim@clerksroom.com** or **mail@clerksroom.com**

Head of team:



Mehedi Rahim

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Inheritance Act Claims Team

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Michael O'Neill
Neil Hughes
Nicholas Preston
Paul Brennan
Paul Dipré
Raoul Downey
Samantha Jackson
Samuel Waritay
Sarah Clarke
Tahir Ashraf



Introduction

Barry Havenhand leads the Inheritance Act group with a number of legal specialists in this field.

Barry welcomes all enquiries regarding this area of law and can be contacted on **01823 247 247** via the support team or directly using **havenhand@clerksroom.com**

Head of team:



Barry Havenhand

Email: **havenhand@clerksroom.com**

Client Feedback

“ Please thank Barry [Havenhand] for his performance at our recent trial on the above matter which was successful. The clients were very impressed with Barry's professionalism and expertise.

Mo Afzal
Director - HMA Law

clerksroom | Inquests Team

Our Members Include:

Anthony Cutler
Caroline Langley
Gareth Nixon-Moss
Geoffrey Mott
Gerry Heap
Graham Watson
Henry Mainwaring
Hugo de Rijke
Huw Shephard
James Osborne
John Hardcastle
Judi Kemish

Mariam El-Sobky
Mark Monaghan
Michael O'Neill
Michael Powers QC
Nicholas Dugdale
Paul O'Callaghan
Peter Wade
Phil Hodder
Philip Bowen
Sarah Clarke
Stephane Osborne
Tina Kumar



Introduction

The Inquests group is led by Henry Mainwaring. Henry and other group members are often instructed by families, insurers and other interested parties to protect their interests in the context of fatal accidents before coroners sitting alone and with juries.

If you would like to discuss any inquest related matter with Henry or any member of the group, please call the support team on **01823 247 247** or email **mail@clerksroom.com** or to contact Henry directly please use **mainwaring@clerksroom.com**

Head of team:



Henry Mainwaring

Email: **mainwaring@clerksroom.com**

Client Feedback



This man ROCKS. He can pull a rabbit out of a very deep hole while the hounds around him whimper in submission at his feet.

Andrew Twambley
Senior Partner - *Amelans*

clerksroom | **International Team**

Our Members Include:

Caroline Langley
David Kinnear
Graeme Wood
Harpreet Giani
Harry Hodgkin
Huw Shephard
James Osborne
Raoul Downey
Sarah Platts
Tahir Ashraf



Introduction

Our International lawyers, also known as public international lawyers undertake cases where there is a dispute relating to International Law, Public International Law and the law of nations.

If you have any enquiry regarding International law, please do contact

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Head of team:



Caroline Langley

Email: **caroline.langley@clerksroom.com**

Client Feedback

“ Ms. Langley is a highly skilled and experienced attorney (Barrister) and mediator with an excellent reputation for professionalism and integrity.

James M Lyons Partner
- *Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP*

clerkroom | Land & Property Team

Our Members Include:

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Andrew McKie
Andrew Noble
Anthony Cutler
Barry Cawsey
Barry Havenhand
Blair Toner
Carly Walters
Charles Davey
Christopher Austins
Christy Burzio
Claire Clift
Colin Andress
David Kinnear
Dravin Bheemah
Ed Ross
Edward Wallis
Gareth Nixon-Moss
Gareth-Lee Smith

Geoffrey Mott
Harry Hodgkin
Huw Shephard
Ian Skeate
James Davin
James Miller
James Osborne
James Rudall
James White
Johan Brooke
John Hardcastle
Jonathan Perry
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Mariam El-Sobky
Mark Monaghan
Michelle Freedman
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Robert Jones
Samantha Jackson
Samuel Waritay
Sarah Clarke
Sarah Platts
Stephane Osborne
Sundeep Virk
Tahir Ashraf
Taj Uddin
Tina Kumar
Tahir Ashraf
Zia Rahman



Introduction

Andrew Noble leads this large group of barristers across the following areas of law: Landlord & Tenant (commercial & residential); Possession; Trusts of Land & Appointment of Trustees Act (TOLATA).

We offer training in many aspects of the group's work and welcome all enquiries on a no obligation basis pre-instruction. Please contact Andrew or the support team on **01823 247 247** or email using **noble@clerksroom.com** or **mail@clerksroom.com**

Expertise includes

- Boundaries & Easements
- Conveyancing Disputes
- Housing Disrepair & Cavity Wall Claims
- L & T Commercial
- L & T Residential
- Party Walls
- Possession
- TOLATA
- Trusts

Head of team:



Andrew Noble FRICS, C. Arb

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Client Feedback

“With a great reputation in construction disputes, Andrew Noble has a wealth of relevant experience on a practical level in addition to his legal abilities.

Legal 500

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Media Law & Information Law Team

Our Members Include:

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Daniel ShenSmith
David Kinnear
Graeme Wood
Greg Walsh
Harpreet Giani
Jake Rudman
James Osborne
John Hardcastle
Judi Kemish
Michael Shaw
Robin Somerville
Tahir Ashraf**



Introduction

Our specialist media law counsel advise on all reputation, protection and information matters including defamation, privacy and data protection. We advise individuals, businesses and charities, and can be instructed by direct access.

If you have any enquiry regarding media law, please contact **Jake Rudman** direct using jake.rudman@clerksroom.com or any of the support team on **01823 247 247** or mail@clerksroom.com

Head of team:



Jake Rudman

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Client Feedback

“ Robin's work is exceptional. He has a keen eye for detail and a passion for bringing matters to a rapid close. I will never use another lawyer again. [Robin Somerville]

Tara Lyons
Indiefield



Personal Injury Team

Our Members Include:

Ahmer Sajid
Andrew McKie
Andrew Turner
Anthony Cutler
Barry Cawsey
Barry Havenhand
Carly Walters
Charles Davey
Christy Burzio
Claire Clift
Colin Andress
Daniel ShenSmith
Dravin Bheemah
Edward Wallis
Fatima Bakare
Gareth Nixon-Moss
Geoffrey Mott
Gerry Heap
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Iain MacLauchlan
James Davin
James Miller
James Osborne
James Rudall
Johan Brooke
John Hardcastle
Judi Kemish
Marian El-Sobky
Mark Monaghan
Mark O'Callaghan
Michael O'Neill
Michael Powers QC
Michael Shaw
Michelle Freedman
Monica Savic-Jabrow
Neil Hughes
Nicholas Preston

Nicholas Wright
Oriol Hinds
Paul Brennan
Paul Dipré
Paul O'Callaghan
Paula Holroyd
Peter Last
Peter Wade
Philip Hodder
Ralph McMullan
Sarah Chatburn
Sarah Clarke
Sarah Platts
Simon McCrossan
Stephane Osborne
Sue Pawar-Price
Taj Uddin
Theo Pangraz
Zia Rahman



Introduction

Formed in 2001, the Personal Injury group head is Andrew McKie who leads a large group of barristers across the following different areas of law: Employers' Liability; Housing & Disrepair; Holiday Sickness; Industrial Disease; Military Claims; Motorcycle Injuries; Occupiers' Liability; Product Liability and Public Liability.

Andrew and other group members offer training in many aspects of the above areas and are happy to field any enquiry regarding PI. Please contact Andrew directly on mckie@clerksroom.com or call the support team on **01823 247 247** (email: mail@clerksroom.com) and we will be delighted to help.

Expertise includes

- Employer's Liability
- Housing & Disrepair
- Holiday Sickness
- Industrial Disease
- Military Claims
- Motorcycle Injuries
- Occupiers' Liability
- Product Liability
- Public Liability

Head of team:



Andrew McKie

Email: mckie@clerksroom.com

Client Feedback

“ Andrew McKie's advocacy was among the most detailed I have seen in my 15 years in the profession.

Steven Astley
Almond Solicitors

clerksroom

Professional Negligence Team

Our Members Include:

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Introduction

Being let down by professionals can have a devastating effect, both personal and financial. Whether in the fields of accountancy, architecture, building, medicine, engineering or law, our team of experts will support you to understand your rights and to achieve redress.

Henry Mainwaring heads our Professional Negligence team whose expertise in this area includes claims against solicitors, barristers, architects, surveyors and engineers as well as medical professionals.

Henry and many other group members can offer training and are happy to discuss any negligence related enquiry pre-instruction. If we can help in any way please do contact the support team on **01823 247 247** (or **mail@clerksroom.com**) or Henry can be contacted directly using **mainwaring@clerksroom.com**

Head of team:



Henry Mainwaring

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Client Feedback

“ Henry Mainwaring is a rarity. He is a man of exceptional intellect and a true gentleman. His thorough preparation, clever approach and client care take him to another level. Very pleased with the result.

Steven Horsley
Partner - *Smith & Graham*

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Professional Regulation Team

Our Members Include:

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Roaul Downey

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Sarah Platts

Simon McCrossan

Tahir Ashraf



Introduction

Robin Somerville heads up this new group of barristers with experience across a wide range of professional bodies including the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (General Medical Council), the Nursing & Midwifery Council, the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, the Construction Industry Council and others.

Training is available from many members and they are always happy to discuss informally how they may assist.

Please call Robin or the support team on **01823 247 247** or email Robin direct using **somerville@clerksroom.com** to discuss any regulatory matter.

Head of team:



Robin Somerville

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Client Feedback

“ One regulatory decision Robin was involved in (as a regulatory panel member) was unsuccessfully judicially reviewed and subsequently unsuccessfully appealed to the Court of Appeal before the Master of the Rolls who delivered favourable comments. Written appraisal includes “exceeds competency... across all competency areas”, “Outstanding” and “... exemplary.”

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Public & Administrative Law Team

Our Members Include:

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Geoffrey Mott

Harpreet Giani

Harry Hodgkin

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Huw Shephard

John Hardcastle

Judi Kemish

Nicholas Preston

Paul Brennan

Raoul Downey

Sarah Platts

Tahir Ashraf



Introduction

The Public & Administrative Law group is headed by Huw Shephard, a former Attorney General of a British Overseas Territory. Members of the group undertake a range of work within this area of law including judicial review and planning.

If you would like to discuss any issue you have regarding this area of law, or would like to arrange any training, please contact Huw or the support team on **01823 247 247** or use **shephard@clerksroom.com** or **mail@clerksroom.com**

Head of team:



Huw Shephard

Email: **shephard@clerksroom.com**

Client Feedback

“ Harry [Hodgkin] took on our brief and responded quickly with all the skill and expertise required.

He was quick to appreciate and deal with the commercial issues involved, which were of paramount importance to us.

Matthew Somervell

Finance Director

- *Morgan Law Partners LLP*

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Taj Uddin
Theo Pangraz
Zia Rahman



Introduction

Nick Wright heads up the Road Traffic group which specialise in the following areas of law: Credit Hire Claimant; Credit Hire Defendant Insurance; RTA (with personal injury); RTA (without personal injury); RTA/PI with Fraud/LVI (Claimant) and RTA/PI with Fraud/LVI (Defendant).

Many members deliver CPD training and will happily discuss any matter informally.

If you have any query relating to any part of the work of this group, please get in touch with Nick Wright or the support team on **01823 247 247** or email **wright@clerksroom.com** or **mail@clerksroom.com**

Expertise includes

- Credit Hire (Claimant)
- Credit Hire (Defendant Insurance)
- RTA (with Personal Injury)
- RTA (without Personal Injury)
- RTA & PI with Fraud/LVI (Claimant)
- RTA & PI with Fraud/LVI (Defendant)

Head of team:



Nicholas Wright

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Client Feedback

“ I am definitely happy with the work that you [Nicholas Wright] have done for us; we have had some good wins! You always call before the hearing which is a positive; I don't get that a lot from counsel before a hearing! Your attendance notes are in depth and clear. Many thanks for all of your help so far.

Mica Harris - AXA Insurance

clerkroom | Tax Team

Our Members Include:

Harry Hodgkin
Mariam El-Sobky
Paul Brennan
Raoul Downey

HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS

Introduction

We are receiving an increasing number of enquiries regarding tax law so if there is anything you would like to discuss regarding a tax issue, please contact Harry Hodgkin via the support team on **01823 247 247** or email direct using **hodgkin@clerksroom.com** or **mail@clerksroom.com**

Head of team:



Harry Hodgkin

Email: **hodgkin@clerksroom.com**

Client Feedback

“ I have instructed Harry [Hodgkin] for a number of years. He is an excellent advocate with great Courtroom presence.

David Brown Partner
- *Wartnaby Hefford*

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Technology & Construction Team

Our Members Include:

**Anthony Cutler
David Kinnear
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Gareth Nixon-Moss
Geoffrey Mott
Harpreet Giani
Henry Mainwaring
James Osborne**

**James Rudall
Judi Kemish
Mark Monaghan
Raoul Downey
Robin Somerville
Theo Pangraz
Tahir Ashraf**



Introduction

As a former commercial manager in the construction industry, Mark Monaghan brings a wealth of practical knowledge to his role as head of our Technology & Construction group among whom there is a wide range of experience.

Group members involvement ranges from multi million pound claims for major international construction projects to more modest residential property disputes and are always willing to discuss any matter pre-instruction. Please call the support team on **01823 247 247** or email **mail@clerksroom.com** or **monaghan@clerksroom.com** if you would like to discuss any construction or building related matter.

Head of team:



Mark Monaghan

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Client Feedback

“ I was really impressed with Mark (Monaghan). He was well prepared, thorough and pro-active when getting the case ready for Trial. He put my client at ease with his down to earth manner and explained everything clearly to them throughout the Trial process.

Phil Weldon

- *The Keith Jones Partnership*

clerkroom | **Wills & Probate** Team

Our Members Include:

Barry Cawsey
Daniel ShenSmith
Harpreet Giani
Harry Hodgkin
Huw Shephard
James Davin
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James Rudall
John Hardcastle
Neil Hughes
Nicholas Preston
Paul Brennan
Paul Dipré
Paula Holroyd
Raoul Downey
Sarah Clarke
Samantha Jackson
Tahir Ashraf



Introduction

Nicholas Preston leads the Wills & Probate group who deal with all aspects of contentious and non contentious work in this area of law.

Nicholas and the team are keen to assist anyone with any queries relating to their work including training and can be contacted via the support team on **01823 247 247** or **mail@clerksroom.com** or Nicholas can be contacted directly using **preston@clerksroom.com**

Head of team:



Nicholas Preston

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Client Feedback

“ Many thanks [James Rudall] for obtaining such an amazing result. As with previous cases I have instructed you on my clients had nothing but praise for you. Thanks again. (Two separate cases)

Catherine Green - *WSP Solicitors*

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- Bill Gates



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"I would like to recommend Azeem [Ali] for his services as a barrister and advocate. Azeem has handled several hearings for me and I have been impressed by his professionalism coupled with determination to get to the result that we want. Azeem also has a friendly and personable approach and I am very grateful to him for his hard work on the cases he has dealt with for me."

Adam Manning

Andrew & Andrew

Azeem Ali (1997)

Barrister

Introduction:

Azeem Ali is a specialist in Personal Injury, Credit Hire, Consumer Credit and Contract work. He is based in Manchester with a practice that takes him nationwide.

Areas of Specialism:

- **Personal Injury**

Azeem is a specialist in personal injury. He regularly conducts cases involving fatal accidents, very serious injuries, dental injuries and whiplash type injuries. Having completed a large volume of advices over the years, he is considered to be an expert in providing solicitors with views on valuation of cases, and also tactics and strategy, particularly in cases which may continue for many years.

- **Credit Hire**

At the outset of his career Azeem was instructed to provide new and interesting ways of arguing points on insured hire subrogation and its "sister" area of credit hire. He was involved in test cases and his experience in these areas has grown from strength to strength to the point where he is now considered an expert in this specialist area.

- **Consumer Credit**

Azeem has defended a variety of clients involved in disputes with banks concerning signed consumer credit agreements. He has a wealth of knowledge of the Consumer Credit Act and its various satellite legislation, which he has successfully used to defend clients being sued for vast amounts of money by banks.

- **Contract**

Azeem has substantial experience in contract cases generally, and commercial cases in particular.

Personal:

Azeem is married with a young family and says nothing beats spending time with his two young daughters and son! He also enjoys going to the cinema and gym when time permits.



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Colin Andress (2002)

Barrister

Introduction:

Colin is a civil practitioner, specialising in chancery, property, IP and public law. He practises from 218 Strand in London.

After pupillage in chambers in the Temple he spent six years as an in-house lawyer at the Treasury Solicitor's Department, comprising three years in the Bona Vacantia Division (dealing with ownerless property) and three years in the Commercial & Property Litigation Team. In July 2008 he was the first employed barrister to be accepted as a full member of the Chancery Bar Association. He returned to private practice in 2010.

Prior to coming to the Bar, he worked as a supermarket manager after leaving school, before taking A levels at evening classes and reading 'Greats' (classics and philosophy) at Oxford as a mature student. He then took the Diploma in Law part-time while working as a clerk to the Employment Tribunal and later as a case officer in the UK Central Authority for Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters at the Home Office. His commitment to life-long learning continues as he has recently completed a degree in physics with the Open University, gaining a First, and is now taking a Master's in astrophysics at Queen Mary University of London in his (very little) spare time. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society in 2014.

Colin has been an elected member of the Bar Council since 2005, and has served on numerous Bar Council committees, most recently the Ethics Committee and Legal Services Committee.

Areas of Specialism:

- Property & Land Use
- Traditional & Commercial Chancery
- Intellectual Property, IT & Media Law
- Public Law & Human Rights



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Feedback:

"Having sought advice in respect of two matters a private limited company and commercial property dispute, I was pleasantly surprised by the extent of urgency and personal touch provided, which made me feel that my problem was made his own."

K. Lyer

Director, West Sussex

Tahir Ashraf (2008)

Barrister

Introduction:

Unlike most barristers, multi-award-winning commercial barrister Tahir Ashraf cross qualified and worked as a commercial Solicitor-Advocate too. This has given him a unique understanding of the challenges faced by professional and lay clients.

Tahir accepts instructions in advisory and contentious matters from High Net Worth individuals and SME businesses concerning almost all business, commerce and insolvency law-related matters.

His expertise includes:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Aviation Leasing
- Banking and Islamic Finance
- Company Commercial Contracts
- EU & Public International
- Financial Crime (in particular forex trading)
- Insolvency
- Intellectual Property
- Property
- Regulatory Compliance & Commercial Judicial Review

Personal:

Alongside his passion for the law, Tahir is known as "The Singing Barrister" and has an active interest in the creative arts. He is an actor, songwriter, presenter and performer. He currently hosts his own drive time radio show on current affairs and human-interest stories and has performed in theatre productions, TV shows, as well as feature films.



Christopher Austins (1988)

Barrister

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Feedback:

"Many thanks for the excellent and comprehensive Particulars of Claim [from Christopher Austins], which make very good reading... Many thanks too for the speed of delivery."

Peter Bright

Bobbetts Mackan

Introduction:

Christopher was called in 1988 and has been a full-time barrister since then. He is a highly experienced advocate with a robust but sympathetic approach. He was Head of Chambers at Assize Court Chambers, Bristol, before leaving to join Clerksroom in 2002.

He is approved by the Bar Council to accept direct public access instructions and has done so since 2008. He is happy to speak with potential direct access clients, and with solicitors, at no initial cost, to ascertain what is needed to deal with their cases in the best way.

He has wide experience of Contract, Commercial, Personal Injury, and Family matters, including financial claims, TOLATA claims and the full range of children matters, including applications to permanently remove children from the jurisdiction.

He has undertaken a wide range of serious criminal work, including serious fraud and murders. He therefore has experience of high-level advocacy in very serious matters. He still accepts privately-funded criminal work, including regulatory and road traffic matters.

Personal:

Before call to the Bar he owned and managed two aviation-based companies, a commercial sport parachuting centre and a flying school.

He is a former British Parachute Association Instructor and Private Pilot Licence and IMC holder. He has been instructed extensively in personal injury claims relating to parachuting accidents and general aviation, and now acts in such claims on a CFA basis if required. He is a current sport parachutist, and retains links with experienced expert witnesses in that field. He has held a full motorcycle licence since age 17 and undertakes motorcycle-related personal injury claims. He holds the grade of 2nd Dan in judo and has experience of personal injury matters resulting from that sport.


He has 4 children, 2 of school age.

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 **@LadyLawyerF****Fatima Bakare (2019)**

Barrister

Introduction:

Fatima has extensive experience having worked as a solicitor in both high street and larger firms before becoming a barrister in 2018. As a result, she has an excellent understanding of the needs of instructing solicitors and their clients and appreciates the importance of a pragmatic and commercially focused approach.

Fatima's particular specialism is in Personal Injury with a focus on Employer's Liability and Public Liability claims at all levels. She does, however, have experience in more General Litigation matters and so would welcome instructions on any civil matter commensurate with her level of experience.

She is based in Greater Manchester and is willing to travel.

As a solicitor, Fatima was known for her client focused manner and her determination to achieve the best result in each case. She carried out the advocacy in the cases that she dealt with and so it was a natural step for her to become a barrister.

Her experience has given Fatima strong technical knowledge and the ability to rigorously analyse the legal issues in any case. Her extensive knowledge of the law led her to produce training materials at one of her previous firms. This covered a wide variety of topics.

Away from work Fatima enjoys social dancing, travelling and likes to keep fit.

Areas of Specialism:

- Personal Injury
- Road Traffic
- Business & Commercial Law
- Clinical Negligence
- Costs
- Personal Injury
- Road Traffic



Saima Bhat (1999)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Saima is an experienced and determined advocate who specialises exclusively in family law children cases. She has extensive experience in all aspects of Private Law and Public Law cases in all Courts including the High Court.

Saima is known for her sensitive and understanding approach to all her clients in particularly emotive cases. She is passionate in her representation of each client in order to achieve the optimum result within the circumstances of each case.

Areas of Law:

- Private Law Children
- Public Law Children
- Public Access
- Professional Organisations

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[@Dravin1978](#)**Feedback:**

"Having worked alongside Dravin for 12 months on a particularly complicated Employment Tribunal case, I have nothing but praise and gratitude for the excellent service received from Dravin Bheemah. He has continually gone above and beyond the call of duty ensuring we, as his client, were extremely well supported. His legal knowledge was astute yet pragmatic and gave us confidence in the representation we received from him. I cannot recommend Dravin highly enough and would not hesitate for a moment in re-engaging him should the need arise."

Caroline James

Pembrokeshire College

Dravin Bheemah (2010)

Barrister

Introduction:

Dravin specialises in employment and general civil law. He is based in the Midlands and enjoys a national practice. He is approachable and keen to develop his practice further in the following areas:

Employment Law

Dravin has a significant amount of experience in employment law. He is a former solicitor, and, immediately prior to transferring to the Bar, he was Head of Employment at a large regional firm of solicitors in the West Midlands. Particular areas of expertise:

- High value complex claims
- Whistleblowing claims
- Discrimination claims
- Constructive dismissal claims

General civil law

Dravin has developed a broad civil law practice that includes the following areas: personal injury, insolvency & bankruptcy, credit hire, and landlord & tenant. Dravin frequently provides representation for clients at the following types of hearings:

- Mortgage possessions / applications
- Applications to set aside judgments or orders
- Applications for summary judgment
- Fast track trials
- Infant settlement hearings
- Disposal hearings
- Small claims

Personal:

Dravin enjoys working out with weights and keeping fit, and he can often be found at his local David Lloyd gym. He also has an interest in martial arts, in particular the philosophical aspects. Dravin enjoys reading, and he has several books on military strategy and tactics in his collection, including Sun Tzu's classic 'The Art of War'.



Louise Boothroyd (2019)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Louise was called to the bar in 2009. Louise is an experienced advocate in the County Courts having previously worked for LPC and Ashley Taylors. Louise has conducted thousands of hearings of various shapes and sizes over the past 10 years, in addition to taking time out for the family.

Areas of Specialism:

- Building Disputes
- Business & Commercial Law
- Property
- Road Traffic Claims (Inc Credit Hire)
- Wills & Probate
- Consumer Contracts, i.e. Flight Delay Claims
- Costs
- Employment
- Inquests
- Personal Injury
- TOLATA

Personal:

Louise has a young family and spends much of her spare time travelling, doing usual kids stuff with an emphasis on learning new languages. Louise and her kids support Everton FC so she has asked I.T. to remove this part of her profile as she does not wish to upset half of the solicitors in Liverpool.



Philip Bowen (1994)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Philip (Phil) Bowen is a specialist advocate for Children matters. Phil qualified as a solicitor in 1994, obtained higher rights in 2005 and moves to the bar to practice from Clerksroom in 2019. Up to March 2019, Phil has worked mainly in-house for local authorities and will continue to act for local authorities from Clerksroom. He is very experienced in care proceedings acting over the years for local authorities, parents and guardians. He also has experience of dealing with Adult Social Care matters and Court of Protection Cases. His knowledge of the internal workings of local authorities is extensive.

Phil is known for his detailed approach to any cases he undertakes and his ability to relate to and deal with clients on all levels.

He is approved by the Bar Council to deal with clients on a direct access basis so a solicitor is not required to instruct him.

As a Solicitor-Advocate he appeared in all levels of the Family Court in multi-day contested hearings from the Magistrates Court, County Court and High Court. He has also appeared in the Court of Appeal on behalf of local authorities and a Guardian.

Areas of Specialism:

- Children matters (Care, Adoption & Protection)
- All aspects of Local Authorities
- Philip also has extensive experience of Inquests, particularly child deaths.

Based in Chesterfield and happy to travel to any area of the Midlands or North East or indeed, any area of England & Wales if requested.


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Paul Brennan (2005)

Barrister

Introduction:

Paul has a broad civil, commercial and chancery practise. He is a member of the Bar of England and Wales and also a member of the Bars of Ireland and the Isle of Man (currently non-practising). He is approachable and happy to discuss any matter pre-instruction. He has bases in London and the North West and is happy to travel.

Areas of Specialism:
Civil

- Personal injury (public liability, employer liability, occupiers' liability)
- Road traffic accidents (RTA)
- Clinical negligence
- Contractual disputes
- Sale of goods/supplies of services disputes.

Commercial

- Highly complex commercial disputes involving major companies, banks, or high net worth individuals (in several jurisdictions).
- Company disputes involving directors and directors' duties.
- Professional negligence claims, in particular involving lawyers, which Paul also has experience of in other common law jurisdictions (both defendant and claimant).

Chancery/Property

- Trust disputes
- Property disputes (including boundary disputes, easements and rights of way)
- Landlord and tenant (commercial and residential)

Personal:

Paul enjoys history, (particularly British and Irish and the relations between the two countries), music (particularly jazz), travel and the occasional whisk(e)y.

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Johan Brooke (1997)

Barrister

Introduction:

Before coming to the Bar, Johan had a very successful career as a senior manager in business and finance, specialising in trade with the Channel Islands. Then, qualifying as an Independent Financial Advisor, he specialised in Investments, Wills and Trusts, advising high profile names in the football and music industry.

His interest in law eventually drew him to study for the Bar where after a recommendation from his pen-friend Lord Denning, he joined Lincoln's Inn.

Johan is happy to attend Court for matters at all levels ranging from Infant Settlement Approvals, CMC's, Small Claim's, Applications, Stage 3 hearings and all level of Fast Track and Multi-Track trials. Johan has also trained as a Mediator.

Areas of Expertise:

- Personal Injury
- Negligence
- Clinical Negligence
- Financial Services Regulatory
- Torts
- Sports Law
- Highways Act
- MOJ Stage 3 Hearings
- Infant Settlement Approval Hearings
- Wills and Trusts (including Will drafting)
- Employment and Contractual Disputes
- Road Traffic Claims
- Holiday Sickness Claims
- Package Holiday Claims
- Landlord & Tenant Law
- Mediation
- Roman Law



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Christy Burzio (2010)

Barrister

Introduction:

Christy Burzio is a Civil and Commercial Barrister who was called to the Bar in 2010 at Lincoln's Inn. She specialises in fast-track claims including personal injury, road traffic accidents, credit hire agreements, infant settlements, stage 3 quantum matters and she is keen to develop her growing commercial practice. She is based in London and is happy to travel.

Prior to pupillage Christy worked as a Visiting Lecturer at King's College London, the London Business School, Birkbeck and SOAS for undergraduates and masters students. She sat on the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee at King's College London and was invited to the Congress of Fellows at the Centre for International Legal Studies. Christy has published her research work worldwide.

Christy also undertook work as an arbitral assistant in a multi-million dollar gold mine dispute heard in London. She was a representative at the Free Representation Unit in Social Security matters and an adjudicator at the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Qualifications and Memberships:

- 2017: Hon. Secretary and Trustee, Society of Mediators
- 2016: Accredited Mediator in Civil Commercial Matters, School of Mediation
- 2012: Associate, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators winning the FDI Moot
- 2012: King's Doctoral AHRC Scholarship award
- 2009: Hardwicke Scholar, Lincoln's Inn

Personal:

Christy's hobbies include running, rock climbing and travelling the globe. She also has a keen interest in basketball, particularly the American NBA team the Chicago Bulls and her local team the London Lions.

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Join Barry on [Linked in](#)**Feedback:**

"Just wanted to say a huge thank you to you (Barry Cawsey) for your excellent advocacy and representation. We were most impressed with the speed in which you picked up a most complex and multilayered case - whilst understanding all the key players so effectively in such short time."

Rory Da'Bell

Public Access Client

Barry Cawsey (2001)

Barrister

Introduction:

Barry is an experienced advocate, based in South Wales, who has developed a nationwide practice divided into two main areas of law; Chancery/Commercial and Personal Injury.

Barry also has expertise in other areas which often serve to complement his main areas of practice. He prides himself on being very approachable to both professional and lay clients and particularly enjoys developing a close working relationship with his clients over the natural progression of a case, helping to maintain continuity in order to maximise the potential for a successful outcome.

He is acutely sensitive of the cost consequences to his clients of each step taken in litigation and works to ensure that his clients obtain their best value for money invested at every stage of the process.

He is absolutely thorough in his case preparation and has an excellent reputation for dealing calmly and sensitively with difficult cases and lay clients.

Barry is approved by the Bar Council to accept direct public access instructions. He also participates in arranging and delivering training courses as part of the continuing professional development of solicitors.

Areas of Specialism:

- Chancery/Commercial
- Civil Actions Against the Police
- Costs
- Personal Injury
- Credit Hire

Personal:

Barry is married with three children. He enjoys rugby, sailing, windsurfing and scuba diving.



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Feedback:

"I was most impressed with Sarah [Chatburn] who did an excellent job for us in front of the Judge. I will be more than happy if she represents us again at anything else."

Housing matter instructed by SLC Solicitors

Lay client

Sarah Chatburn (2008)

Barrister

Introduction:

Sarah is a skilled and approachable advocate known for her good judgment and getting to grips with core issues quickly. She is based in the East Midlands and is happy to travel. Her main areas of practice are as follows:

Areas of Specialism:

- Business & Commercial Law
- Bankruptcy
- Insolvency
- Road Traffic
- RTA/PI with Fraud/LVI (Claimant)
- Business & Commercial Law
- Contract
- Debt
- Other Common Law
- Personal Injury
- Housing & Disrepair
- Road Traffic
- RTA (With Personal Injury)
- RTA (Without PI)

Personal:

Sarah is married with 2 children. Her spare time is spent with her family. Away from her busy practice, she loves to fit in as many holidays as she possibly can with the excuse of showing her children as much culture as possible! Sarah enjoys all kinds of sport ranging from table tennis to snow skiing and water skiing.

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"Many thanks (Sarah Clarke) from the Access to Justice Foundation for your pro bono efforts: the funds we receive from pro bono costs will be used to help other vulnerable people to access justice."

Loretta Lok

Access To Justice Foundation

Sarah Clarke (2011)

Barrister

Introduction:

Sarah joined Clerksroom after completing her pupillage in the Temple, London. During her pupillage, Sarah gained experience in commercial and chancery law, personal injury and clinical negligence. Since qualifying, Sarah has built up a great deal of advocacy experience in the County Courts in both fast track and small claims hearings. Sarah has also successfully represented clients in the High Court.

Areas of Specialism:

- Chancery Law
- Commercial Law
- Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence

Background:

Sarah spent a number of years living in South East Asia where she taught English, before returning to England to study law at university. Prior to completing her pupillage, Sarah worked as a corporate paralegal at Magic Circle firm Linklaters, where she assisted with high-profile mergers and acquisitions, competition matters and commercial litigation.

Sarah is based in Hertfordshire and she is happy to travel.

Personal:

Sarah has an interest in all things to do with aviation and would love to take flying lessons. Sarah has travelled extensively throughout Asia and has a passion for exploring new countries. Sarah is a mentor for undergraduate law students who want to become barristers. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys running and swimming.



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"We and our clients are delighted with the result and I would have no hesitation in recommending Claire Clift and Clerksroom in the future. She did really well to get an absolute possession order first time out."

Mike Downey

Glamorgan Law

Claire Clift (2003)

Barrister

Introduction:

Claire has a common law practice specialising in personal injury and general civil law.

Areas of Specialism:

- **Personal Injury**

Claire has extensive experience in all areas of personal injury law, including industrial and workplace injuries and road traffic accidents. She accepts instructions at all levels and acts for both claimants and defendants. Claire also undertakes a significant volume of advisory work particularly in relation to assessing quantum for general and special damages.

- **Landlord and Tenant**

Claire has represented both landlords and tenants in commercial and residential disputes from preliminary hearings through to trials and this is an area of growing interest to her.

- **Credit hire**

Claire has regular experience of representing claimants and defendants in high value credit hire litigation.

In addition Claire's common law practice includes contract disputes, Inheritance Act claims and Trusts of Land Act (TOLATA) cases.

Claire is also approved by the Bar Council to accept instructions in Public Access cases.

Personal:

Outside of work Claire enjoys good food and wine and keeping fit.

**Contact:**Email: cottrell@clerksroom.comCall: **01823 247 247**Join Beverley on [Linked in](#)**Beverley Cottrell (2009)**

Barrister

Introduction:

Beverley is a qualified Barrister, Mediator & veterinary surgeon, who joined Clerksroom following successful pupillage at Lamb Buildings in London. She is an advocate with a passion to succeed and is happy to accept work in all general civil areas of law appropriate to a junior Barrister of 2009 call. Starting at the Bar is never an easy task so Beverley is keen to impress and build new relationships with existing Clerksroom clients and attract new clients who require help from an enthusiastic and mature junior Counsel.

Beverley is accredited by the Bar Council to accept instructions in Public Access cases.

Longer Term Aspirations:

Whilst conducting general advocacy at small claims level and lower end fast track, Beverley wishes to develop her experience in all things veterinary. Beverley has been a veterinary surgeon since 1985 (with a particular interest in ophthalmology). She has been an elected member of the Council of Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) since June 2007, Vice-Chairman of the RCVS Disciplinary Committee since September 2008 and Chairman of the RCVS Legislation Working Party 2010-2011.



John Craggs (2006)

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Introduction:

John is based in Newcastle in the North-East and joined Clerksroom as an Associate member in 2018. He has a wide-ranging, nationwide practice and receives instructions in a variety of practice areas.

John is a dual-qualified Barrister and Chartered Accountant. In between stints in legal practice, John spent five years working for two of the big four professional services firms (Deloitte and PwC), initially within Corporate and Personal Tax and later in Risk Assurance. He was admitted as an ICAEW-regulated Chartered Accountant in 2016, a role in which he remains accredited.

Areas of Practice:

- Chancery and Commercial litigation
- Tax
- Family law
- Immigration
- Employment
- Personal injury
- General civil litigation
- Public law and Judicial Review

Personal:

John read Law with French and spent a year living in Montpellier as part of his degree. He remains fluent in French. He is also a keen musician, primarily as a classical pianist. He enjoys spending time with his wife, young daughter and extended family and is a keen sportsman, including football, cricket, swimming, running and skiing.

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Barrister

Introduction:

Richard is a dual qualified construction barrister and chartered quantity surveyor, with particular project experience in:

- Building and Construction
- Infrastructure
- Oil & Gas and Mining
- Power Generation and Distribution
- Heavy Civils
- Pharmaceutical and other process plants
- Shipbuilding

He has a thriving chartered quantity surveying practice which specialises in dispute resolution and avoidance. As a barrister, he advises on dispute strategy, tactics and the merits of contentious construction claims. Richard is certified to provide legal advice to clients as an employed barrister under a contract for services. He is not currently certified to provide advice directly to the public.

Areas of Specialism:

- Dispute Resolution
- Dispute Avoidance

Personal:

Richard now lives on the Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire border with his wife, Kathryn, and two young boys. Previously, he lived in Sydney, New South Wales and Perth, Western Australia and before that in Edinburgh. While in Edinburgh, he was an associate member of the Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet. His interests include travel, reading, rugby and sailing.

Richard also sits on the Employed Barristers Committee and the Remuneration Committee of the Bar Council of England and Wales.



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Feedback:

"Thank you very much for a very thorough and very positive advice. Your attention to detail Anthony [Cutler] is really 1st class. This is (again) excellent."

Dominic Kelly

Harding Evans

Anthony Cutler (2007)

Barrister

Introduction:

Anthony Cutler has a broad civil practice in commercial and contractual disputes, complex personal injury claims and costs litigation. He is based in London but his practice takes him throughout the country.

Before his call to the Bar, Anthony practised as a Chartered Engineer in the offshore, railway and automotive industries. As an engineer, he regularly advised on health and safety, contractual and product liability matters. Full details of Anthony's professional background and qualifications are on the clerksroom website.

Where appropriate, Anthony accepts instructions:

- From the public under the Bar public access scheme.
- Under a Conditional Fee Agreement.
- *Pro bono*.

Areas of Practice:

• Commercial, chancery and property

Anthony acts both for claimants and for defendants in a broad spectrum of commercial law. He brings particular skills where there is complex accounting or engineering evidence.

• Costs

Anthony acts for paying and receiving parties in applications and detailed assessments to which he brings a highly developed sense of commercial risk.

• Personal injury/ clinical negligence

Anthony is particularly interested in product liability cases to which he brings his substantial scientific and engineering experience. Anthony has acted both for claimants and for defendants in all aspects of personal injury law, including: employers' and occupiers' liability, highways claims, holiday and leisure claims, MIB claims, claims involving suspicions and allegations of fraud and fatal accidents.

**Contact:**Email: davey@clerksroom.comCall: **01823 247 247****Feedback:**

"I wanted to write and take this opportunity to thank you (Charles Davey) for all your kind help and support ...I truly feel that if you had not picked up on this case we would still be waiting. I hope you can be of assistance in the future, it has been a pleasure speaking with you."

Lay client

Employment Agent in fees dispute

Charles Davey (1989)

Barrister

Introduction:

Charles is an experienced civil practitioner of depth and diversity and is popular as a confident, robust and skillful advocate who enjoys a challenge.

He is based in Hertfordshire and enjoys a varied practice which takes him nationwide.

Key areas of practice:

- Commercial, Chancery & Property
- Employment
- Personal Injury
- Costs
- Human Rights

Other areas:

In addition to his key areas, Charles has a wealth of experience, and accepts instructions in, most common law areas including contract, credit hire (Defendant), consumer law, and insolvency. He has also been instructed in professional regulatory work before the General Medical Council and is particularly interested in developing regulatory work generally as part of his practice.

Personal:

Charles is married with three children. He is a fluent French speaker and a keen Francophile having lived in France for several years and written several books about living and working there.



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Stephen David (1975)

Barrister

Introduction:

After Call, Stephen practised in Family Law in London for some years in a leading Family Law set, and then became the in-house legal adviser in a corporate finance firm. During this time he dealt with the legal aspects of over 100 company acquisitions and mergers.

Work undertaken:

- Family Law
- Corporate Law (particularly the buying and selling of companies)
- Partnerships
- Road Traffic Accidents
- Personal Injury Claims
- Probate
- Neighbour disputes/Planning

Stephen has Public Access Accreditation and can accept instructions without the need for a solicitor.

General:

Stephen is always willing to discuss a case, and will usually consider accepting a case on a Conditional Fee basis.

Although he is based in Taunton, Stephen is happy to travel to any part of the UK.

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Join Paul on [Linked in](#)**Paul Dipré (1991)**

Barrister

Introduction:

Paul Dipré is an advocate with more than 20 years experience specialising in financial remedies for matrimonial finance and associated general commercial and real property disputes, especially contractual and insolvency matters. Paul has a most thorough knowledge of all issues relating to trusts instruments, and equitable doctrine of trusts that are relevant to matrimonial finance, property disputes and contentious probate.

Paul likes to get involved at an early stage whenever possible and help clients with advice, drafting and advocacy throughout proceedings as required. He enjoys a reputation for having an approachable and helpful style and is happy to discuss any matter pre-instruction.

Areas of Specialism:

- Family Law – Finance and Property
- Family law – Children
- Commercial
- Property
- Insolvency
- Wills, Probate & Inheritance

Paul is bilingual in English and Italian and is particularly interested in cross-border disputes, especially those of an Anglo-Italian nature.

Paul is on the committee of the British Italian Law Association and has spoken on English law issues in Italy on a number of occasions, as well as assisting the author of an Italian language book on the English system of civil Courts.

Personal:

Paul previously worked in the London financial markets and is a freeman of the City. He is married and when not working enjoys walking and orienteering in the Alps, reading and the Arts.



Raoul Downey (1988)

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Introduction:

Raoul is currently co-located in London and the Republic of Ireland where he and his partner have a permanent home. He practised for nearly 25 years as a tenant in a leading London commercial and employment set and has returned to private practice after spending 5 years assisting his partner in the restructure, relocation and management of her private nursery school business. He is therefore able to combine the substantial experience gained from a broad Chancery, Commercial and Employment practice at the Bar with the practical business experience gained from working in an in-house role.

Raoul is a specialist in both Employment and Chancery work. He has substantial experience in:

- Employment Law and Discrimination
- Commercial and Business Law
- Landlord and Tenant and Property Law
- Customs Duties
- Company Law
- Costs
- Professional Negligence and Regulatory matters

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Feedback:

"Nicholas [Dugdale] was at his very best on Friday at the RCJ. As a result we won the application for leave to appeal and the appeal itself. I know that I can always rely on Nicholas in the most challenging circumstances and Friday was, for Connells, a difficult hearing. HH Judge Hand QC was listening to every breath of Nicholas' advocacy and his usual meticulous and forensic approach to the facts, the law and the CPR was clearly evident and was the reason for our winning the day. Thought you should know that Connells appreciates the service provided by Clerksroom."

Julian Kelbrick,
Group Company Solicitor
 Connells Estate Agents

Nicholas Dugdale (1992)

Barrister

Introduction:

A member of the Fast & Multi-Track Advocacy Team at Clerksroom having joined from London chambers in 2004, Nicholas has a wealth of experience. He lives in West Sussex, covering the County Courts and the High Court in London and the South East across the South coast down to Bournemouth. Nicholas is happy to travel to any UK Court for a fast or multi-track hearing. Nicholas has been an advocate for 35 years.

Nicholas has, by design, a wide-ranging general civil and commercial practice. The following is necessarily merely illustrative of his recent experience.

Areas of expertise:

- Transportation
- Employment
- Commercial
- Professional Indemnity
- Property
- Inquests
- Equine

Personal:

Nicholas was first qualified in New Zealand where he practised as a barrister and solicitor. In the mid 1980s he moved to Melbourne where he was admitted to practise and became an Associate in commercial litigation for a large American law firm. In 1988 he arrived in London where he was again admitted as a solicitor and worked in the construction litigation departments of two leading firms before undertaking pupillage and being called to the Bar in 1992. Nicholas saw the light and abandoned commuting to chambers in London in 2004. He lives in rural West Sussex. Nicholas is the organiser of the (BE affiliated) Rackham Horse Trials, and thus has both a personal and professional interest in horses.



Mariam El-Sobky (2001)

Barrister

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Introduction:

After reading Law at Northumbria University Mariam underwent pupillage in Plymouth and subsequently in London. Prior to being called to the Bar, Mariam worked in private client and international law in Egypt for a year and also spent 6 months with the United Nations in London. She is fluent in Arabic.

After being called to the Bar Mariam gained a distinction in her Masters degree, also in Law. Miss El-Sobky has extensive experience in general common law and has regularly appeared in the Crown, Magistrates, Youth and County Courts across the UK. Thanks to her background in public international law, she can also draw on her Immigration experience and will appear in employment and mental health tribunals as well.

Mariam has a wide and varied experience of Criminal matters. She defended extensively during the May Day riots in London in 2001 and 2002 in numerous public order matters in particular Violent Disorder. She has expertise in all offences of violence, sexual offences, drugs, fraud and road traffic matters.

She has recently joined us after having spent over 10 years with the CPS in a senior Litigative and front line criminal role.

In the Civil Courts Mariam will conduct Small Claims, Fast and Multi track cases including for example Consumer Credit, disputes, childcare and family law, Licensing and Possession Hearings. She can be instructed on Written Advice / Opinion, contract drafting and preparation of Legal Argument. Mariam's particular interest is women's rights, equal opportunities in the workplace and civil liberties. She also has a strong interest and background in Human Rights Law

Mariam is direct access qualified and can be instructed directly by members of the public.



Terence Finn (1995)

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Introduction:

Having specialised in employment law for over 20 years, Terence worked for a solicitors firm before being called to the Bar and is therefore aware of the needs and restrictions on his Instructing Solicitors. Both his solicitor and lay clients appreciate Terence's straightforward style and rational approach, where he gives clear jargon free advice to clients at the outset so that they may make informed decisions which can save time and costs. Renowned for his thoroughness, Terence is skilled at quickly getting to the key issues in complex legally challenging employment cases.

Terence's clients range from major private and public sector organisations to individual employees and directors and he has particular experience working for owner managed business/ SMEs, the NHS, local authorities, educational bodies, banking / finance, engineering, charities and professional service practices and finds his understanding of these sectors beneficial to his clients. Terence's first career was as a research and development engineer and the combination of these two different careers enables him to relate to an office workplace and an industrial setting.

Terence is regularly instructed on a wide spectrum of employment issues and has advocacy experience in all types of single and multi-day hearings including Employment Tribunals, EAT and the High and County Courts, where he acts on behalf of both Respondents and Claimants.

Areas of Specialism:

- Employment
- Business & Commercial Law
- Contract
- Debt
- Other Common Law
- Road Traffic
- RTA (Without PI)



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William Frain-Bell (2000)

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Introduction:

Located in Edinburgh, William is a highly experienced and client focused barrister with a wide ranging international practice. Described by independent legal directories as "user friendly and responsive" and as "persuasive and well prepared" and "outstanding" in relation to international arbitration. Specialist in the main areas of:

- Civil Law
- Employment Law
- International Law
- Scottish Law

William specialises in international arbitration and mediation. He has significant experience in dispute resolution in the Middle East and since 2010 has acted as counsel in many of the leading cases before the Dubai World Tribunal (DWT), including successfully representing the Claimants in the first trial with witnesses before the tribunal, which is presided over by former UK Court of Appeal judges. He represented the former CEO and Chief General Counsel of the world's one time largest property developer in separate actions against their former employer.

William has a wide experience in real estate and construction related disputes. He has acted for a number of UK investors in arbitrations and tribunal hearings in respect of actions relating to the collapse of the offshore World project in Dubai. He has been involved in financial disputes, including the collapse of a hedge fund and a negligence based class action against a leading international bank.

Successfully represented the Claimants as sole counsel in an AED 250m unfair termination arbitration relating to the construction of a twin-tower block in Dubai, and was junior counsel in an arbitration involving the quality of the construction of the largest structure of its kind in the world.

Specialties: International arbitration and mediation

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[@BarristerBlues](#)**Michelle Freedman (2002)**

Barrister

Introduction:

Michelle is an experienced practitioner with over 14 years experience in family law matters. She is routinely instructed in complex private and public family law disputes and has particular expertise in representing vulnerable clients. Michelle is known for her sympathetic approach to clients, each case approached as sensitively as the first whilst robustly protecting clients' interests in the Courtroom.

Michelle is a skillful negotiator and, wherever possible, uses her best endeavours to achieve successful resolution in order to protect clients from what could otherwise be costly and protracted proceedings.

Within private law children proceedings Michelle advises and acts in child arrangement order disputes. She is regularly instructed to represent parents involved in complex private law proceedings dealing with issues such as domestic violence, substance misuse, sexual abuse, emotional/psychological harm and risk of abduction.

Michelle has a particular interest in divorce and financial relief proceedings. She is instructed from the preliminary stages (conferences with clients prior to proceedings being issued, First Directions Appointments) through to and including final hearings. Michelle often represents parties in both their private law and financial remedy proceedings, providing them with continuity of counsel.

Other Areas of Practice:

- Road Traffic
- Personal Injury

Personal:

In her spare time Michelle can be found running through Richmond Park with her dogs, baking and attempting to improve her foreign language skills - Hebrew, French, Spanish, and Urdu (the latest addition!).


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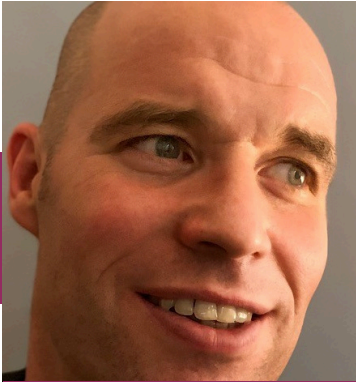
Introduction:

Harpreet is a dual qualified barrister. He was called to the bar in India in 1999 and in England & Wales in 2006.

Harpreet regularly appears in Courts across the country and is frequently instructed in particularly complex cases requiring creative and out of the box consideration.

Areas of Specialism:

- Chancery
- Business and Commercial laws
- Commercial arbitration
- International law – conflict of laws
- International arbitration
- Family law (financial / ancillary relief)
- IT, technology and cyber laws
- Defamation
- Financial wrongdoing
- POCA, confiscation and asset restraints



John Hardcastle (2001)

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Introduction:

John joined Clerksroom in February 2019 as a civil practitioner with experience in the field of personal injury, credit hire (claimant and defendant) and commercial and consumer contract law. John also has some experience and a genuine interest in the field of property law and has some past experience in employment law.

John is regularly instructed to appear in the County Court in small claims and fast-track matters and has a growing paper practice which naturally includes the drafting of documents and the provision of written advice at any stage in proceedings.

John is prepared to consider instructions on a CFA basis in the right case and he is also qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public.

Areas of Specialism:

- Road Traffic
- Credit Hire (Claimant)
- Credit Hire (Defendant Insurance)
- RTA (With Personal Injury)
- RTA (Without PI)
- Business & Commercial Law
- Contract
- Debt
- Other Common Law
- Personal Injury
- Employers Liability
- Occupiers Liability
- Public Liability
- Property
- TOLATA


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Associate Member

Stephen Harvey QC (1979)

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Introduction:

Associate Member of Clerksroom. Main Chambers is 3 Paper Buildings, London.

For the first 8 years, Stephen had a general common law practice. It developed into a heavyweight criminal practice and, in 1990, he joined the Attorney-General's Chambers where he spent the following 20 years prosecuting and defending in serious criminal cases of all types.

Over the past 12 years his practice has expanded into other areas where he has utilised his tactical and forensic skills. He receives instructions from throughout the UK and abroad.

Stephen has interests in witness familiarisation training and in lecturing upon a variety of legal topics, particularly in relation to the expert witness.

Areas of Specialism:

- Criminal law – all areas
- Business crime – trading standards, food and safety, pollution, health and safety, fire safety
- Appeals in all criminal matters
- Private prosecutions
- Compliance and corporate governance – financial regulation, data protection, trademark and copyright breaches, bribery and anti-corruption
- Public law and regulatory
- Planning enforcement
- Inquests
- Inquiries
- Disciplinary tribunals
- Military law and Courts Martial
- Sports law
- Direct access

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"I just wanted to thank you (Barry Havenhand) for all your help with our recent hearing. Your professionalism was very much appreciated and just having you there with us was worth every penny!! Once again thank you and thanks also to Sam at Clerksroom Direct for assisting us so promptly and efficiently given the tight deadline that we were working towards. With kind regards, C & A S (19th February 2016)."

C & A S

Working Law

Barry Havenhand (1976)

Barrister

Introduction:

A senior civil barrister (1976 call) and former solicitor, Barry Havenhand is a talented and committed advocate, advisor and mediator.

A combination of diplomacy and dogged persistence has won him substantial success in even the most difficult cases. With 35 years experience of advocacy, Barry is particularly well known for tackling some of the difficult cases that sometimes cross boundaries and areas of law. Barry is senior, experienced, easy to work with and completely flexible when it comes to fees or travel. Barry always tells it as it is in plain English so clients know where they are. Sometimes you just need an experienced advocate who is going to fight your corner using all their experience and willing to give it their best. That's what you get with Barry Havenhand.

Recent experience include:

- Commercial, business disputes & money claims
- Contract and tort disputes
- Costs - in particular defendant work, including attending detailed assessments nationally and regular appearances at the Senior Courts Costs Office (SCCO)
- Property disputes - including landlord & tenant (commercial and residential), boundary and rights of way disputes
- Building disputes
- Professional negligence
- Road traffic accidents (RTA - including credit hire) and Personal Injury

Personal:

Barry is married, with two grown-up children, and fills his spare time with travel (particularly in Italy), visits to the theatre and choral singing. He also chairs an independent panel on school admission and exclusion appeals.



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Feedback:

"I have had the pleasure of briefing Gerry Heap for a good number of years... He is a knowledgeable and tenacious barrister, equally at home with preparing pertinent and well reasoned written Advices or in Court where I have seen him first hand literally demolish opposing arguments with aplomb. Teamed with Clerksroom Chambers and their wealth of experience, efficiency and friendliness, they are a great combination and I never hesitate to instruct Gerry if he is available. He is a Barrister I can trust, in a set of Chambers that are most trustworthy."

Simon Speed

Partner, BAS Solicitors

Gerry Heap (1985)

Barrister

Introduction:

Gerry is a senior Personal Injury, Commercial and Local Government specialist. He is popular with clients for his friendly and down to earth approach, for a Yorkshireman, and enjoys a reputation as a highly skilled advocate who enjoys complex and challenging cases. He is South Wales based with a busy national practice and has appeared in all Courts including the House of Lords.

Areas of Specialism:

- Personal Injury (Claimant & Defendant)
- Commercial Litigation
- Local Government

Personal:

Gerry Heap spent 17 years in practice on the North-Eastern Circuit before family commitments took him to rural West Wales in 2002, where he lives on a smallholding. When not travelling the country, he enjoys playing golf and chess (he is a member of the Welsh Chess Championship team) and is reluctant to hang up his boots as goalkeeper for various football teams.

Member of Personal Injury Bar Association.

Chairman Commons Registration Public Inquiries.



Associate Member

Chris Hegarty (2019)

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Introduction:

Chris resolves disputes for SMEs and individuals involved in a range of commercial, civil and chancery problems. A solicitor since 2010, Chris has spent the last 8 years fighting cases against the largest of institutions and is unafraid of fighting your corner.

Chris qualified as a solicitor advocate in 2014 and has taken on a broad range of work, taking cases from beginning to final hearings.

Based in London, Chris acts for clients across the country delivering pragmatic and efficient advice and representation. He is able to assist at every stage from the initial assessment all the way to trial and enforcement.

During recent years Chris has specialised in one of the most difficult problems an individual or small business can face – a dispute with their professional advisers – these are unlike other commercial disputes as there is a huge imbalance in information between a client and their adviser and attempting to navigate these disputes without specialist advice can be a minefield.

Areas of Specialism:

- Professional Negligence
- Business & Commercial Law
- Banking & Financial Services
- Personal Injury
- Employers Liability
- Occupiers Liability

Personal:

When he is not working, Chris can be found falling off a climbing wall or falling into the cold water around England overburdened with scuba gear.



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Feedback:

"Thank you (Oriel Hinds) very much for your helpful note and the copy order/judgment. The clients were very pleased. They also asked me to say how brilliant you were, a lovely man who did them proud helping them sort the best for their son, and especially at such short notice."

Cate Jewell

Wollen Michelmores

Oriel Hinds (1988)

Barrister

Introduction:

Oriel undertakes civil advocacy throughout the UK at fast & multi track level. He is also willing to accept Small Claims in and around the London area.

Areas of Specialism:

- Civil Litigation and Advocacy (RTA / PI / Credit Hire Claims)
- Landlord and Tenant (Commercial and Residential)
- Family (Children and Matrimonial Finance)

Currently engaged in:

- Various privately & publicly funded housing disputes re rent arrears, disrepair, tolerated trespassers and breach of covenant;
- Litigation concerning the application of s.14 of the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act (TOLATA) 1996;
- Disputes concerning breach of covenant in business tenancies and applications for renewal
- A variety of Matrimonial Finance and Children Act cases

Prepared to accept if asked:

- Immigration

Personal:

Family life, cricket, rugby, photography.



Philip Hodder (2005)

Barrister

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Feedback:

"A deep and pervasive feeling of joy pervades the practice this morning - always a doubtful matter - now resolved much to your [Philip Hodder] credit. The principal and I and the other fee earners went out last night to celebrate! (personal injury matter)"

John Scott

Dylan Nair Solicitors

Introduction:

Philip is a civil Barrister (Bargyfreithiwr) and mediator (cyfryngwr) who was called to the Bar in 2005 and was previously a solicitor in South Wales. He was a member of the Law Society Personal Injury panel from 1998 until 2005 on his transfer to the Bar. He is based near Abergavenny in South Wales, but has a nationwide practice. Philip is a former Law Society appointed monitor of training contracts and has a keen interest in the practical training of all professionals.

Areas of Specialism:

- Costs
- Personal Injury
- Credit Hire (Defendant only)
- Professional and Clinical Negligence
- Coroner's inquests and inquiries

Personal:

Married with three daughters, Philip has an interest in the countryside, cycling, skiing (certified Salomon technician; Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance (CSIA) Level 1 Alpine Instructor), walking and enjoys fine wine. A former junior and senior county squash player and a Welsh Squash Rackets Federation qualified coach and referee. Philip is learning Welsh, as his wife and children are bilingual and he is currently learning the piano to keep abreast and hopefully ahead of his daughters! He is also parent governor of Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni, a Welsh speaking medium school.



Harry Hodgkin (1983)

Barrister, Business Legal Consultant, Mediator

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Joint Founder of Clerksroom
Chairman of the board

Feedback:

"Harry [Hodgkin] did a fantastic job on our behalf. We were amazed how he managed to get his head around all the facts in such a short time scale."

- D.P.

Public Access client

Introduction:

Harry Hodgkin undertakes commercial, contractual and property work both in Court and by way of advice and drafting over a range of practice areas and business sectors, including international and cross border disputes.

He is an arbitrator and a well known mediator.

He is a team player who enjoys working with lay and professional clients to identify and resolve problems in a way that is best suited to the client's needs.

He speaks plainly, adopts a pragmatic approach to cases, prepares cases assiduously and is an effective and well-established senior advocate.

Work undertaken:

- Company / LLP / partnership / shareholder / membership rights, interests and disputes
- Commercial and contractual disputes including in particular insurance, music and entertainment industries
- Financial services, guarantees and indemnities
- Taxation
- Business property disputes including tenancy renewals
- Intellectual property rights
- Professional negligence

Personal:

On a personal level, Harry is married and enjoys being Dad. He also paints, goes mountain walking with his dogs, and loves opera and baseball.



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"We would like to pass our thanks to Clerksroom for the introduction to Barrister Rebecca Hodgkin. What was expected to be a straight forward case felt increasingly complex and became somewhat nerve wracking. We were fully supported throughout the process by Rebecca in her calm yet focussed and totally professional manner. Considering we met only on the Monday to start a three day Tribunal on the Wednesday, to then win the case on the Friday – speaks volumes about Rebecca's ability. We will be recommending Clerksroom at any opportunity."

Tui and Steve Shirley

Business Owners

Rebecca Hodgkin (1991)

Barrister

Introduction:

Rebecca specialises in Employment Law regularly appearing in Tribunals across the country in Multiday/week cases, representing both Claimant and Respondent in often highly complex cases. She is particularly experienced in cases involving unfair dismissal, redundancy, discrimination, TUPE and contractual disputes.

Rebecca is often described by professional and lay clients in their feedback as approachable, persuasive and confidence inspiring. She is perhaps best described as a naturally confident and tenacious "Modern Counsel" dedicated to achieving the best result for her clients. She has a very strong belief in client care in cases which can often be very stressful, an often overlooked factor, and as such retains a very loyal and ever-growing solicitor base.

She has been an established Public Access practitioner since 2008 and is regularly instructed on this basis for Employment Tribunals across the country.

She also retains a Fast and Multi-track civil practice throughout the UK, appearing in the County Court, High Court and Court of Appeal.

Main areas of civil practice:

- Personal Injury - Road Traffic including Low Velocity Impact and Motorcycle claims. Occupiers Liability Act, Highways Act claims, Employers Liability Claims acting for both Claimant and Defendant. Claims against the Police.
- Credit Hire
- Costs
- Fraud - acting for both Claimant and Defendant.
- CICA appeals.

Paula Holroyd (2019)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Before being called to the Bar in July 2008 and starting her practice as a Barrister she worked extensively within Property Law.

Paula then had a very successful career as Head of Securities within Santander UK heading up a team of 40 staff covering various projects and advising on legal issues in relation to the bank's security. This role involved extensive legal research and document drafting on behalf of the bank and advising in relation to security issues and risks.

Paula prides herself on her friendly and pragmatic approach to litigation, She does her best to make herself available to discuss any problems and issues with her Instructing Solicitor on the phone and is happy to give telephone advice where appropriate.

Often complimented on her ability to make clients feel at ease with her and the legal situation and will seek to obtain the best settlement possible. Paula has a keen eye for detail. Paula is happy to attend Court for either Claimant or Defendant matters at all levels ranging from Infant Settlement Approvals, CMC's, Small Claim's, Applications, Stage 3 hearings and all level of Fast Track and Multi-Track trials. Paula is also Public Access Qualified.

Areas of Practice:

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"I just want to highlight our witnesses' comments that he (Mr Neil Hughes) was top class when putting the case forward. They were extremely happy with his work."

Talita Bentley

Browne Jacobson LLP

Neil Hughes (2013)

Barrister

Introduction:

Neil joined Clerksroom in April 2014 after having spent 8 years as a Solicitor (the last 2 years as a Solicitor-Advocate). During his time as a Solicitor, Neil worked at both Hill Dickinson and DWF, where latterly he was an Associate in charge of one of the Complex Fraud Teams.

Neil transferred to the Bar in 2013 and enjoys a general civil practice, with particular emphasis on insurance, personal injury and fraud.

Neil is based in Liverpool, but is happy to travel nationwide.

Areas of Practice:

- Fraud
- Road Traffic Accidents
- Insurance
- International Claims



Samantha Jackson (1996)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Clients value Samantha's down to earth and no-nonsense approach as well as her technical expertise in landlord and tenant, real property, equitable remedies and contentious probate matters.

Areas of Specialism:

- Inheritance Act Claims
- Professional Negligence
- Professional Regulation
- Property
- L&T Commercial
- L&T Residential
- Possession
- TOLATA
- Trusts
- Wills & Probate

**Contact:**Email: rdjones@clerksroom.comCall: **01823 247 247**Join Robert on [Linked in](#)**Robert Jones (2006)**

Barrister

Introduction:

Robert joined Clerksroom from a City solicitors' firm, where he worked as an employed barrister dealing with commercial and financial services litigation and contentious insolvency. Previously he was employed by the Jersey government in developing financial legislation and regulation.

Robert has an impressive intellect, having received a first-class degree from Cambridge. He combines this with a real interest in his clients as people, and was described by one client as "logical but kind". His approach to litigation is tactically astute and always focussed on the client's ultimate commercial goal.

Robert is accredited to accept instructions on a public access basis and is always happy to discuss informally how he might assist.

Areas of Practice:

- Insolvency
- Property
- Company
- Financial services litigation
- Employment

Personal:

When he is not working Robert enjoys running, opera and strategy games.



Associate Member

Ragi Joseph (1998)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Ragi is a very experienced practitioner, having amassed a varied background of legal expertise in the areas of civil, commercial and general common law. Ragi is a robust lawyer with a tenacious attitude. He is a confident Advocate that prides himself on working hard to achieve successful outcomes for his clients.

In addition to Ragi's general litigation work, he is also licensed to undertake public access instructions on behalf of regulatory bodies and individuals, alike. Ragi represents both Claimants and Defendants and is prepared to consider CFA work on a case by case basis. Ragi regularly deals with numerous repeat clients on this funding arrangement.

Ragi is always prepared to travel and go that extra mile to assist his clients nationwide. Ragi is based in Cardiff, but regularly travels to London and the Midlands to attend hearings for those instructing him.

Areas of Specialism:

- Personal Injury
- Commercial law
- Property Law
- Chancery
- Professional Regulation

Education & Qualifications:

- LL.B Law (Hons) Degree – University of Wales (1997)
- Bar Vocational Course – BPP Law School, London (1998)

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"Judi Kemish was very easy to work with and delivered a fantastic result for my client. I will be sure to circulate her request with my team and will definitely look to book her for future hearings myself."

Heidi Brown

DAC Beachcroft

Judi Kemish (Solicitor 1995 - Barrister 2015)

Barrister

Introduction:

Judi Kemish was a solicitor for 20 years before transferring to the Bar in 2015. She regularly advocates in the Court of Appeal, High Court, Crown Court, County Court, H.M. Coroner's Courts and at FT IAC Tribunals.

She has been complimented for her detailed preparation, advocacy skills and legal expertise by many clients over her 24 years, as a lawyer and as an advocate.

She is particularly known for her ability to tackle 'difficult' cases and has an unique insight into civil, criminal, public, regulatory, immigration and Coronial law. Her experience covers advocating in the civil and criminal Courts at all levels, including proceedings before the High Court, the Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court, HM Coroner's Courts, FTT IAC Tribunals and at public Inquiries and Inquests.

Areas of Specialism:

- Inquests and Public Inquiries
- Regulatory Law/ DPA and FoIA
- EU law
- Public & Administrative Law
- Property & Possession
- L&T Residential & Commercial
- Civil and Criminal litigation - at all levels, including the Court of Appeal & the Supreme Court
- Road Traffic Claims (PI and Non - PI)
- Extradition and Immigration law
- Mediation
- TOLATA



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"It is evident from my dealings with Tahir Khan that he is extremely knowledgeable and forthright in his advice. In a recent hearing he attended on my behalf he managed to secure an Order I was seeking but not expecting. Job well done!"

**Sabir Ahmed, Associate
& EL/PL Team Manager**

Zest Legal

Tahir Khan (2009)

Barrister

Introduction:

Tahir was called to the Bar in 2009 having been admitted as a Solicitor in 2004. He subsequently became a Partner/Director specialising in Personal Injury & Civil Litigation at a Legal 500 firm in Manchester city centre and was awarded the Law Society accredited personal injury practice as well as panel membership of Motor Accident Solicitors Society (MASS).

With his exemplary background as a successful Partner/Solicitor, Tahir brings a very practical and pragmatic approach in promoting his practice and managing client expectations. He remains Manchester based and is prepared to travel nationwide.

Areas of Practice:

- Road Traffic Accident Claims (RTA)
- Motor Cycle Accidents
- Personal Injury Caused by Animals
- Product Liability Claims
- Highways & Occupiers Liability
- Criminal Injury Compensation Appeal (CICA) Claims
- Contract Disputes
- Debt Matters
- Possession Hearings

He is willing to accept written instructions on matters of liability, quantum and drafting. He appears on trials, disposals, all types of applications and interim hearings, both local and nationally. Tahir is dedicated to providing a quick and efficient turnaround on paperwork, providing clear yet thorough, practical and friendly advice. Tahir is willing to undertake work on a CFA where appropriate.

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"David is a talented and highly articulate advocate who brings cutting-edge business acumen to modern legal practice."

Jon Dorf, Esq.

Managing Partner
Dorf & Nelson, LLP
New York

David Kinnear (1989)

Barrister

Introduction:

David Kinnear undertakes domestic and international commercial and contractual work, drawing on twenty years of international business experience. He brings a lifetime of client-side perspective – calling on his own experiences working not just in the legal industry but in technology, banking, outsourcing, construction, digital media and cybersecurity. He brings substantial experience in corporate restructuring and business re-engineering around advanced uses of technology. He highlights Data Privacy and Cybersecurity as being critical areas of focus for businesses and the source of increasingly complex disputes.

He is a mediator and well known for his uniquely creative disposition and practical problem-solving skills – bringing a calm voice, strong listening skills and a polished presence.

He divides his time between London and New York. He worked for leading law firms Pinsent Masons and Linklaters in London before moving to New York to join Credit Suisse. He spent several years in private litigation practice – largely focused on substantial construction, engineering and commercial real estate disputes. As Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer of the Credit Suisse relocation, he helped negotiate & execute the relocation of Credit Suisse into its (now) NYC global HQ – the iconic Eleven Madison Avenue.

Areas of Specialism:

- Commercial and contractual disputes
- International
- Business services
- Data Privacy
- Cybersecurity
- Technology
- Startups

Personal:

David is a lifelong Arsenal fan and a keen sailor, completing a Trans-Atlantic in '92. He loves driving tractors and writing poetry.



William Knapman (2019)

Barrister

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Introduction:

William was called to the bar in 2017 and is experienced at representing clients in the County Courts.

Prior to pupillage, William enjoyed a career as a Lloyds underwriter, specialising in employee dishonesty, forgery and fraud coverages, commercial crime, professional liability, professional negligence, directors and officers' insurances, employers, public and general liability, and general property and fire insurance.

William was involved in several merger and acquisition transactions as well as a management buy-out and subsequent sale of a Lloyd's syndicate as part of a management team.

Subsequently, his experience has been called on for a variety of peer review, expert witness and arbitration engagements.

William believes preparation is key and his clients value his attention to detail when drafting and giving advice. He is approachable and quickly able to assimilate the facts of a case. Benefitting from a commercial background, William understands the realities of business and seeks to find pragmatic settlements that are beneficial to his clients whilst having stamina, tenacity and persistence for the fight where required.

Areas of Specialism:

- Insurance and reinsurance
- Road Traffic Act
- Credit Hire (Claimant)
- RTA (With Personal Injury)
- RTA (Without PI)
- Technology
- Judicial review and public law (planning), environmental law
- Construction disputes
- Mediation and evaluation

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"I know I had cause to praise Abi [Cox] last week for sorting something out at late notice with such ease. I had cause to instruct another barrister of yours this week (Tina Kumar) and I have to say I found the process excellent. I have tended to use a particular chambers for historical reasons and usually good results, but I have to say the system you have in place really does make it so easy and straight forward to get barristers for hearings all over the country. If you are able to maintain such good admin and communication you will fast become my first port of call."

Mark Rothman

Leonard Gray LLP

Tina Kumar-Jacob (2002)

Barrister

Introduction:

Tina practises from 218 Strand, London. Tina has a broad Civil Litigation practice, which includes Property, Employment and Inquest work.

She is developing an expertise in Defamation Law and has recently succeeded in the libel case of Rai v Bholowasia & Pardes Weekly (UK) Ltd [2015] EWHC 382 QB.

Tina has extensive advocacy experience, attending hearings in the High Court, County Courts and Tribunals throughout England & Wales on various interlocutory applications as well as Fast-Track, Multi-Track trials and Permission to Appeal/Appeal hearings.

Areas of Specialism:

- Property
- Employment
- Inquest
- Insolvency
- Commercial/Chancery
- Costs

Personal:

Interests include travelling, cello and fencing.



Caroline Langley (1989)

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Introduction:

An expert in International and European Law, Caroline Langley is qualified and practices as a barrister and mediator in four jurisdictions: England & Wales, the United States, Hong Kong and Ireland. She has handled numerous complex international cases spanning Europe, the United States, Asia, Argentina, Guatemala, Greece, and South Africa. With nearly three decades of experience, Caroline Langley navigates complex international treaties to successfully negotiate outstanding solutions for her clients. She has worked with foreign governments including the US Department of State and the US Citizens Service, the World Organisation for Cross-border Co-operation in Civil and Commercial Matters and the Court of Justice of the European Union. Caroline lectures for both professional legal entities and academic institutions at graduate and post-graduate level and is also a National Institute of Trial Advocacy instructor. Caroline has appeared on CNN and FOX News and has held executive positions within the American Bar Association International Section.

Areas of Specialism:

- Brexit Law
- Commercial Arbitration & ADR inc Adjudication
- Family Law
- Family - Money

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Peter Last (1995)

Barrister

Introduction:

Peter has been a member of Clerksroom since 2004. After an earlier career in IT, Peter took LLB and LL.M degrees at the London School of Economics. He was awarded the Sweet & Maxwell Law Prize for best all-round examination performance in year 1. Based in London but happy to travel, Peter is a general practitioner with a particular interest in the following areas:

Personal Injury

- Road Traffic, including a special interest in motorcycle accidents.
- Advice on quantum and liability.
- Occupiers' liability.

Credit hire

- Wide experience of credit hire claims. Benefitted from in-house training by leading credit hire company.

Land Law

- Landlord & Tenant
- Mortgage possessions
- Leasehold rights/service charges on leasehold properties

Contract

- General contract disputes but with a particular niche in the supply of services by tradesmen, home extensions, home building work. Peter is technically minded, able to deal with technical issues.

Immigration

- Asylum and entry clearance hearings. Has experience of judicial review applications in the field of immigration. Previously seconded by the Legal Services Commission to provide representation in asylum cases.

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"Iain [MacLauchlan] is very easy to deal with and he listens and understands the case he is tasked to deal with. He offers practical and professional advice and is quick to react and offer sound advice based on his experience of the field. He has always achieved a fair result for me."

Justin Eaton

Managing Director,
Storeplan Limited

Iain MacLauchlan (1992)

Barrister

Introduction:

Iain has been at the Employed Bar as well as in private practice. After 8 years in common law chambers, he worked in South East Asia for a couple of years before returning to the UK and becoming a senior Commercial Litigator / in-house Counsel for two well known Yorkshire law firms. In 2008, he was promoted to Associate and supervised a number of civil and commercial cases.

In 2004, Iain was appointed an Examiner of the Court by the Ministry of Justice. He is therefore licensed to conduct examinations in both UK and foreign proceedings under the provisions of Part 34 of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998.

Areas of Specialism:

- Contractual disputes
- Sale of Goods and Supply of Services
- Professional Negligence disputes
- Passing off and economic torts
- Road Traffic Accident disputes
- Debt and Enforcement
- Costs

Iain has substantial experience of Stage 3 Oral Hearings, Case and Cost Management Hearings, interim applications and Fast Track Trials etc. in Road Traffic Accident cases.

Iain will accept instructions not only to prepare statements of case and orders etc. but also, if required, he can advise on and draft pre-action protocol correspondence, witness statements, application notices, Court questionnaires, notices to admit etc.

Iain encourages early participation of Counsel in disputes and will agree competitive rates in order to advise on or attend directions hearings or interim applications etc., or advise on evidence and tactics at an early stage, for example.

He is accredited to accept instructions on a Public Access basis and licensed to conduct litigation.

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Barrister

Introduction:

Sam is known for his empathic manner, fearless and persuasive advocacy and a congenial and reassuring manner which makes him repeatedly asked for both by lay and professional clients. Sam is known for his persistence in fighting the lay client's corner and for his tirelessness in securing the best possible outcome for his clients.

Areas of Specialism:

- Family (all aspects barring finances)
- Human Rights
- Immigration and Asylum Qualifications

Other Languages:

Fluent and often accepts instructions in Urdu and Panjabi at Court.

Personal:

Born in Karachi, Sam lived in Pakistan and then the United States before he moved to the United Kingdom in 1992. Educated at a prestigious private boarding school in Pakistan, Sam completed his primary and secondary education in Pakistan and went to the United States where he completed a first degree in Classical Civilisation. Sam went on to do a law degree at Oxford University and a Masters in Oriental Studies at Cambridge University. He then proceeded to a Master of Laws at the School of Oriental and African Studies and was also awarded a Master's degree at Oxford University.



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"Henry Mainwaring is a rarity. He is a man of exceptional intellect and a true gentleman. His thorough preparation, clever approach and client care take him to another level. Very pleased with the result."

Steven Horsley, Partner

Smith & Graham

Henry Mainwaring (2001)

Barrister

Introduction:

Henry has a mixed common law practice, with both advisory and advocacy elements in the areas of Commercial/Contract, Professional Regulation/Professional Negligence and Personal Injury/Inquests. Known for his meticulous preparation, he combines diligent hard work with a keen understanding of the law and a pragmatic and down to earth approach. Approachable and friendly, Henry works hard to achieve the quickest and most cost effective solutions. He lives in London and his practice takes him nationwide.

Areas of Specialism:

- Commercial Contract
- Professional Regulation/Professional Negligence
- Clinical Negligence/Personal Injury / Inquests
- Costs



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Feedback:

"I have known Simon for over 10 years. He's an absolute pleasure to work with and an incredibly talented barrister with a perfect balance of a professional yet empathetic approach to clients. I would highly recommend."

Jodie Hill

Managing Director, Thrive Law

Simon McCrossan (2010)

Barrister

Introduction:

Simon's main practice areas encompass employment law, personal injury and general civil matters. He also holds an interest in education law matters arising from his professional background as a teacher and lecturer.

Qualifications:

- LL.M Employment Law (Distinction) University of Leicester
- Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent) BPP Law School
- Graduate Diploma in Law (Commendation) BPP Law School
- BBA Management (1st Class Hons) University of Lancaster
- QTS.

Academic Awards and Prizes:

- Lord Birkenhead Award (Gray's Inn)
- Anthony Bessemer Clark Award (Gray's Inn)
- Baroness Cohen Scholarship (BPP Law School)
- The Colin Bourn Prize (University of Leicester)
- New Walk Chambers Prize (University of Leicester)

Memberships:

- Employment Lawyers Association
- Ecclesiastical Law Society
- Lawyers' Christian Fellowship



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Feedback:

"Thanks again [Andrew Mckie] for yesterday. Surprising, but pleasant, result. Don't be surprised if you start receiving a few more enquiries from my colleagues - I've been asked a few times already "which Barrister did you use?"

Paul Keevil

Scott Rees

Andrew Mckie (2011)

Barrister

Introduction:

Andrew is a specialist in claimant personal injury, with a particular interest in cases involving employers liability, public liability and Travel claims. Andrew also specialises in multi track and serious injury claims. Andrew has published several books on EL/ PL, fraud and Travel claims which can be found at www.lawbriefpublishing.com/all-books/

Andrew also has a specific interest in housing disrepair and cavity wall claims. Andrew is published on the subject at www.lawbriefpublishing.com/product/housingdisrepairandcavitywallclaims/

Before qualifying, as a Barrister, Andrew has 6 years advocacy experience, as a Solicitor. Andrew has worked for a number of leading Legal 500 firms specialising in RTA fraud, including Keoghs LLP and Weightmans LLP, acting for some of the leading insurance companies in the UK.

Andrew has also worked for a number of leading claimant personal injury and credit hire law firms, acting for some of the largest credit hire companies in the UK. Previously, Andrew was the Head of Litigation and In House Solicitor Advocate at a claimant personal injury and credit hire firm, with over 50 staff, and Andrew brings this vast experience, as a Solicitor, to the Bar.

Areas of Practice:

- Personal Injury Litigation, including Road Traffic Accidents, Occupiers Liability and Public Liability Cases
- All types of Employers Liability Claims
- Travel Litigation
- Housing Disrepair and Cavity Wall Claims



Ralph McMullan (2016)

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Feedback:

"A shrewd and thoughtful advocate, Ralph (McMullan) is equally adept at handling 'nuts and bolts' costs assessments or more technical arguments. His calm ability to take a Judge through difficult points and articulate his position persuasively is a real strength. As a former solicitor he has particular insight into what his instructing solicitors and their clients are looking to achieve."

Head of Costs

Top 20 Law Firm

Introduction:

A highly experienced lawyer and advocate, Ralph spent 20 years as a solicitor before transferring to the Bar. He has a well developed costs and personal injury practice, acting for both claimants and defendants. Since joining the Bar Ralph has developed a strong Family Practice, dealing with Children Act matters and financial disputes.

His growing reputation in Family Law has seen an increasing number of law firms instruct him on a variety of matters. Ralph's calm and measured approach makes him an ideal Family Law advocate.

Ralph combines this work with a thriving costs practice, which includes attendance at detailed assessment hearings across the country for both receiving and paying parties, regularly dealing with costs claims of several hundred thousand pounds, as well as attending oral hearings subsequent to the provisional assessment process. Ralph has developed a niche practice in technical cost disputes and is ideally suited to conduct CCMC's with his ability to deal with directions in addition to all costs issues.

Since joining Clerksroom, Ralph has received great feedback from those who are instructing him for the first time. He is approachable and enthusiastic, qualities which when combined with his drive and tactical nous make him the "go-to" advocate for many.

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Join James on [Linked in](#)**Feedback:**

"I would recommend James Miller to anyone he is a pleasure to work with. The outcome was always better than expected. I was impressed by his skills and knowledge. I felt the matter was fully reviewed & I was updated throughout. I will be using him again."

Ifzal Hussain

Ageas Law

James Miller (2017)

Barrister

Introduction:

James specialises in Costs and is a highly experienced Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence lawyer.

Following his transfer from the Roll of Solicitors to the Bar after ten years in the insurance industry, James understands the needs of litigants and importance of achieving the best commercial outcomes for clients.

James regularly conducts trials for Claimants and Defendants in the County Courts across the UK. He undertakes high value detailed assessment hearings before Regional Costs Judges and Masters in the Senior Court Costs Office. James is regularly instructed to deal with all aspects of Costs and Case Management in multi-million pound matters.

He has extensive experience in Fixed Recoverable Costs cases and applications for relief from sanctions.

James is a qualified Costs Lawyer and registered Mediator with the Civil Mediation Council. He has a developing family practice and also represents clients accused of offences in the Magistrates Court via the Direct Access Scheme.

Personal:

James is married with two young children. He is a keen runner and enjoys football and mixed martial arts.



Mark Monaghan (2002)

Barrister

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Feedback:

"I was really impressed with Mark (Monaghan). He was well prepared, thorough and pro-active when getting the case ready for Trial. He put my client at ease with his down to earth manner and explained everything clearly to them throughout the Trial process. I will not hesitate to use Mark again and would highly recommend his services. (construction case)"

Phil Weldon

The Keith Jones Partnership

Introduction:

Mark Monaghan joined Clerksroom in 2012 having moved from chambers in South Wales to practise in his native North West. He is based near Lancaster and his existing practice takes him nationwide.

Mark's regular solicitors find him to be humorous, approachable, down to earth and happy to discuss any matter informally, whilst retaining a sharp and focused approach to his advocacy. He transferred to the Bar following a commercial management career in the construction industry, the experience of which he brings to bear in his approach, not only to his caseload but also his own practice.

Having recently moved to the North West, Mark is particularly interested in making new contacts in the region and welcomes any opportunity to discuss ways in which he can help.

Areas of Specialism:

- Commercial/General Civil
- Costs
- Contractual disputes
- Construction & Engineering disputes
- Property disputes (including boundaries and easements)
- Landlord & Tenant
- Trusts (including Trusts of Land Act - TOLATA)
- Employment
- Personal Injury
- Ancillary Relief/matrimonial finance

Personal:

When not spending time with his children, Mark is gradually reacquainting himself with the golf courses of Lancashire and Cumbria.



You don't need
anyone's permission to
make something great.

- Massimo Banzi

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Feedback:

"Geoffrey's detailed consideration of the facts and the application of the law in cases leads to great results in Court; and his personal and advocacy skills were much admired by my clients who were very impressed in a recent victory at trial."

Janet Wallis

Weightmans LLP

Geoffrey Mott (1982)

Barrister

Introduction:

Geoffrey Mott is a skilled advocate with a well-deserved reputation for his thorough research and presentation. He is popular with clients and solicitors alike for his approachability and his ability to absorb and explain intricate issues. His preparation and attention to detail invariably produce successful outcomes. He is undaunted by complex and difficult cases. He is also a qualified mediator. He is London based and is happy to travel.

Geoffrey has a wealth of experience across a broad range of civil law including commercial; sale of goods; partnership; insurance; building & boundary disputes; landlord and tenant; housing and co-ownership of property. He has conducted hearings at all levels up to and including the Court of Appeal. He has appeared before Tribunals (including the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal) and Adjudicators (regarding construction contracts pursuant to the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996). He has experience of dealing with health and safety and a wide variety of issues connected with highway maintenance including claims for damaged apparatus and services.

Geoffrey is a specialist in all aspects of Personal Injury work including Clinical Negligence. The majority of his work is personal injury based and he has extensive experience in representing both Claimants and Defendants. He has wide experience of Clinical and Dental negligence cases.

Areas of specialisation:

- Civil & Commercial
- Clinical Negligence
- Coroner's inquests
- Costs
- Personal Injury

Personal interests:

F1 Motor Racing; International Rugby (Wales); Travel and Theatre.



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"Andrew has successively been ranked as a leading barrister in the Legal 500 directory in the areas of property, professional liability and construction and engineering law: "With a great reputation in construction disputes, Andrew Noble has a wealth of relevant experience on a practical level in addition to his legal abilities"

Andrew Noble (1992)

Barrister

Introduction:

Andrew Noble FRICS, FCIArb, C.Arb, specialises in commercial chancery litigation, with emphasis on Land & Real Property, Commercial (including contracts, insurance, JVs, partnerships and international arbitration), Construction and Engineering (including defects and adjudication variation, time and money claims), Professional Liability (surveyors, architects, engineers, brokers, office holders, lawyers and accountants) and Company & Insolvency (corporate and personal). He has also built a very specialist practice in defective dwellings and NHBC /warranty claims.

He is a member of the following specialist Bar Associations reflecting his practice and experience: Chancery Bar Association, Property Bar Association, Insolvency Law Association, Technology and Construction Court Bar Association, and Professional Negligence Bar Association. He is also a member of the RICS' Pyramus & Thisbe Club (Party Walls).

Andrew advises, drafts, negotiates and represents clients in litigation, arbitration and in ADR/mediation. He regularly appears as an Advocate in the High Court (Chancery and QBD divisions, including TCC and Commercial/Mercantile Courts) and in the County Courts of England and Wales.

Areas of expertise:

- Arbitration
- Business & Commercial Law
(Contract, Chancery & Company Law)
- Construction & Technology
- Professional Negligence

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"I just wanted to drop you a line and thank you so much for your very kind assistance and accepting instructions at such short notice for the hearing. You have been so approachable, helpful, professional and obtained the outcome we wanted. Thank you so much. I will not hesitate to use your services again."

Martin Armitage

Minster Law

Mark O'Callaghan (2001)

Barrister

Introduction:

Mark joined Clerksroom in 2017 having built a following as a sole practitioner over a number of years. His career at the Bar began with a common law pupillage in Temple followed by tenancy at a then leading Manchester set. His work is predominantly in personal injury and related fields covering public and employers' liability, holiday claims, and road traffic including cases in which allegations of fraud have been intimated. He has a wealth of experience in low speed impact dating to the aftermath of Kearsley and Casey. He is happy to consider instructions on a conditional fee basis. Civil costs experience includes CCMCs, provisional assessments and detailed assessments.

Mark also undertakes family law work. Here he welcomes instructions from direct public access clients as well as from solicitors. In proceedings for financial relief on divorce he appears at FDAs, FDRs and final hearings. Children Act work is predominantly in the private law sphere but Mark does have some experience of public law matters and wardship.

Mark has completed a Masters degree in medical and healthcare law gaining a distinction at Liverpool University. He is keen to take instructions in these areas. He has attended a short course at Sheffield University on Coronial Law and Inquests.

Based in Manchester, Mark's practice regularly takes him much further afield. He is happy to travel when required.

Personal:

Away from work Mark is an accomplished runner, breaking the three-hour barrier in the 2017 London Marathon. He enjoys classical music concerts wherever and whenever possible.

Professional Memberships:

PIBA, APIL, Liverpool Law Society

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"Thank you [Paul O'Callaghan] for your comprehensive attendance note. Excellent result. Our Client is very pleased with the outcome. Considering the pending passenger injury claim and credit hire in the background, this result has saved our Client approximately £28k in total. I look forward to instructing you in future cases."

Chris Sturridge-Packer

Technical Claims Handler,
Strata Solicitors

Paul O'Callaghan (2008)

Barrister

Introduction:

Paul O'Callaghan joined Clerksroom in February 2013, having previously practised as a solicitor-advocate with a national firm.

His practice is now focused on personal injury and civil litigation (including clinical negligence) and he specialises in credit hire.

Paul has been instructed in LVI and alleged fraud road traffic cases on both the fast and multi-track and he is willing to accept suitable instructions on a CFA.

In addition, Paul's accepts instructions to attend detailed costs assessments and Costs and Case Management hearings in multi-track cases.

Paul previously worked as an in-house employment law advisor and his practice now encompasses the full range of employment disputes. He acted for the teenage claimant in *Roberts v Cash Zone (Camberley) Ltd* [2013] EqLR 648 – where the tribunal upheld both complaints of age and sexual orientation harassment.

Paul is flexible and approachable and he has received excellent feedback from both lay and professional clients.

Paul is based in Cardiff and he attends Courts and tribunals nationally. He has a busy paper based practice and he will provide comprehensive liability and quantum advices as well as assisting with applications and general advice where required.

Areas of Specialism:

- Personal Injury
- Civil Litigation
- Credit Hire

Personal:

Paul represented Team GB (rifle shooting) at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and he enjoys adventurous activities in his spare time.

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"I cannot speak highly enough of Michael (O'Neill). I have always found that Michael has a superb eye for detail, is the best advocate that I have ever seen during my time in this line of work, he is extremely adaptable and will always work around us in the event that tight deadlines are in place, and has a very good manner with clients in conference. I have used Michael on a wide range of cases previously and no case is too much of a challenge for him. He is always prepared to give a difficult case a run and has achieved many superb results for me over the years."

James Burrell

Neil Hudgell Solicitors

Michael O'Neill (1979)

Barrister

Introduction:

Michael is a senior multi-track personal injury specialist and general civil counsel based in London and North Yorkshire with a practice that takes him nationwide. He particularly enjoys a challenge and is always interested in bringing his wealth of experience to help with the unusual or difficult case.

Specialisations:

Michael's personal injury practice largely comprises representing claimants in workplace accidents including those occurring in the railway, oil rig, and shipping industries and in the course of military service.

In addition to his personal injury work, Michael's general civil practice also includes professional (including clinical) negligence and regulatory work .

Personal:

Before coming to the Bar Michael set up and ran his own restaurant for 5 years. These days he prefers to go fishing.



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Feedback:

"Thank you so much (James Osborne) for your assistance in this matter and for getting the right result. My clients were delighted with your efforts and very impressed with your whole conduct of the case. Given that their depot is quite local we shall not hesitate to instruct you again."

Christine Harris, Partner

Birchall Blackburn

James Osborne (2006)

Barrister

Introduction:

James is a civil practitioner with experience across a wide range of areas. He is a skilled advocate known for getting to the core issues quickly and tackling them effectively and has a reputation for possessing good judgement and refined inter-personal skills as well as being both practical and analytical.

James is approachable to discuss initial problems and issues solicitors may face in dealing with claims and may be relied on to provide a fast turnaround of paperwork when required.

Before being Called, James was counsel for a global FTSE 100 company for eight years undertaking multi million commercial contract negotiations. He brings a wealth of business experience to his practice, which also includes general commercial and property work.

James lives near Winchester and predominately covers Courts in London and the South but his fast track and multi track practice takes him nationwide.

In his time away from his busy practice, James is probably with his young family, involved with everything from family activities to cooking to gardening to DIY.

Areas of Practice:

- Costs
- Clinical Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Road Traffic Accidents and Credit Hire
- Employer's, Public and Occupier's Liability
- General Commercial and Property



Stephane Osborne (2019)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Following transfer to the Bar from the Roll of Solicitors, Stephane has a foundation and knowledge base in all areas of personal injury, business and commercial law, property, private family law and employment law. His straightforward and approachable style, excellent handling with lay clients and commercial awareness make for an outstanding combination. He is unambiguous in his advice and strives to achieve clear communication with his clients, setting ambitious but realistic goals.

Stephane was previously a solicitor-advocate (civil proceedings) specialising in dispute resolution, with several years of experience, having qualified in 2012. He was instructed in relation to the resolution of a wide range of disputes from low to high value, across the areas of commercial litigation, personal injury, clinical negligence, property litigation, consumer claims and commercial debt recovery.

Areas of Specialism:

- Business & Commercial Law
- Costs
- Property
- Road Traffic
- Professional Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Family Law
- Clinical Negligence
- Consumer Contracts

Personal:

Stephane is a Tottenham Hotspur season ticket holder.



Kwabena Owusu (1983)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Kwabena is an experienced barrister specialising in civil litigation whose core expertise lies in construction law, property and commercial matters including partnership, breach of contract or covenant, tort, bankruptcy and insolvency. In addition to his commercial and property practice, Kwabena is pleased to accept instructions to advise and represent clients in relation to technology and engineering disputes and professional regulation and disciplinary proceedings

Areas of Specialism:

- Property
- Commercial & Contract
- Construction
- Professional Disciplinary

Education:

Kwabena graduated in law from the University of Warwick in 1982, was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1983, obtained an MSc in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution from Kings College London in 2011 and was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana in 2012.

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"Theo [Pangraz] is an impressive barrister. His appreciation of English and German law proved invaluable on a recent case that we worked together on. I would have no hesitation working with Theo again or recommending him to others."

Gareth Jones

Jeffrey Green Russell

Theo Pangraz (Rechtsanwalt 1993)

Barrister

Introduction:

Theo Pangraz is a commercial & corporate barrister with more than 25 years experience, practising as counsel, advocate, advisor and mediator in England & Germany. He has also been dual qualified as a German Rechtsanwalt since 1993.

Advocacy, litigation, advisory, drafting and mediation work undertaken in the following areas:

- Shareholders' Agreements
- Directors' Disputes
- Mergers & Acquisitions (Share and Asset deals)
- Demergers
- Partnership Disputes
- Trust
- Compliance
- Funding
- Licenses
- Sale of Goods
- Supply of Goods and Services
- Unfair Contract Terms
- Consumer Credit
- Distributor and Agency Agreements
- Guarantees and Indemnities
- Insolvency & Bankruptcy
- Construction / Adjudication
- Professional Negligence
- Road Traffic Accidents (RTA) inc. Personal Injury

Personal:

Theo is married with two daughters. He is also Clerk to the Governors of Wellington School and lectures in commercial law at the University of Exeter. In his spare time he likes to go to the gym, swimming and walking in the countryside. Theo completed the Brighton Marathon 2012 for the charity 'Arms Around The Child'.

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Feedback:

"I would like to thank you (Sue Pawar-Price) again, but in writing, for your exceptional work today. I felt immediately at ease after meeting you and I felt that our communication was clear and effective. The outcome reflected the discussions that we had over the morning and I feel that you already knew this. I wish you all the best for future cases."

Tim S, lay client

Road Traffic matter

Sue Pawar-Price (2010)

Barrister

Introduction:

Sue is a dual qualified lawyer (Solicitor/Barrister) with 19 years' experience in the insurance sector. She started her legal career as an in-house Solicitor with a large composite insurer before spending the next 10 years in private practise. She worked at two of the markets leading insurance law firms and worked her way through the ranks of Assistant, Associate, Partner and Technical Director, where she set up, developed and headed large teams of specialist fraud lawyers. Throughout her career she has run her own case load of high value and technically complex insurance fraud cases and during this time she worked with some of the country's leading experts in fraud including Counsel, Medics, Engineers and industry organisations.

She was called to the Bar in 2010 and completed her training at the Criminal Bar (Citadel Chambers). This enabled Sue to further develop her knowledge and expand her experience in fraud cases. During this time she marshalled a number of Judges on high profile Crown Court cases. She regularly prosecuted and defended cases and was retained as an Advocate in the County Court, High Court, Youth Court, Magistrates Court and the Crown Court. It was at the Criminal Bar that she developed her knowledge of private prosecutions and advising insurer clients and other commercial organisations on the merits of pursuing this route.

Areas of Practice:

- Personal Injury and Fraud
- Inquests
- Information Law
- Healthcare Fraud

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Jonathan Perry (2007)

Barrister

Introduction:

Jonathan Perry enjoys a broad civil practice in the areas of Property, Insolvency, Commercial and Personal Injury Law. Called to the Bar in 2007, Jonathan practised as a Solicitor-Advocate with a national firm before joining Clerksroom in August 2015. He is based in Birmingham and is happy to travel.

Areas of Specialism:

- Property/Landlord and Tenant
- Insolvency
- Commercial
- Personal Injury
- Costs

Personal:

Jonathan has practised T'ai Chi for over twenty years. He loves music and plays the guitar, has an MA in Audio Production and has been known in the past to DJ.



Sarah Platts (2019)

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Introduction:

Sarah was called to the Bar in 2017 by Middle Temple. Sarah worked as a Solicitor Agent for LPC Law appearing in County Courts across the Midlands, North West and Wales in a variety of commercial hearings prior to commencing Pupillage in 2018. Her Pupillage was reduced by the Bar Standards Board due to her experience with LPC Law.

Education:

Sarah graduated with a First Class LLB Law Hons and achieved a Very Competent from the Bar Professional Training Course. Sarah is currently undertaking her LLM.

Sarah was awarded the Queen Mother Award, a major scholarship from Middle Temple.

Areas of Specialism:

- Business & Commercial Law
- Consumer Contracts
- Personal Injury
- Property
- Road Traffic

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"I have worked with Dr Michael Powers QC over the last 8 years or so on a number of difficult and challenging cases. Both I and my clients have always been most impressed with the service that we have received. Whilst clearly Dr Michael Powers is an eminent QC he is always approachable. He has represented several of my clients at lengthy and difficult Inquests. During these he has shown enormous sensitivity to the families. He is a first rate advocate. His attention to detail is "second to none".

David Black

Bower & Bailey

Dr Michael Powers QC (1979, QC 1995)

Barrister

Introduction:

Dr Michael Powers QC is leader of the Clinical Negligence Group at Clerksroom and acts on behalf of both claimants and defendants.

He has a wide experience of major actions where issues of medical causation arise. He acts on behalf of pharmaceutical companies in group litigation and licensing matters. He also has a leading practice in non-pharmaceutical cases where exposure to chemicals and irradiation have been alleged to cause injury and in heavy professional medical negligence work. Dr. Powers is an Accredited Mediator with the Notre Dame School Law School and has acted as a mediator in claims, particularly relating to professional negligence.

He also has a particular expertise in the law and practice of coroners' Courts and he is often instructed in complex medical cases where pharmaceutical/chemical companies have an interest in the outcome of inquests.

Areas of Specialism:

- Major medical negligence actions
- Pharmaceutical litigation

Personal:

Improving the quality of medical practice and advocacy at the Bar; Probationary Examiner in Forensic Law and Medicine for the Membership examination for the FFLM.

Lecturing, broadcasting on specialist topics, shooting, flying (holder of PPL(H) and has held ratings on R22, R44 and EC120 helicopters), piano playing and photography.


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Nicholas Preston (1986)

Gray's Inn Barrister 1986, Advocate (Scotland) 1999

Areas of Specialism of practice:

- Insolvency
- Consumer Credit
- Scots Law
- Member of the Chancery Bar Association

Other areas of Specialism:

- Company
- Professional negligence
- Commercial arrangements
- Estate Agents
- Property
- Wills and Probate
- Employment

Particulars of experience:

Commercial and litigation experience as self-employed barrister, with city firm of solicitors, in commerce with a bank and finance company and with insolvency practitioners.

Other:

Appointed examiner for taking evidence in foreign proceedings pursuant to the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act 1975 for litigation in Texas USA.

Former member of the disciplinary committee of the Council of the Inns of Court.

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"Alistair Pye is 'not slow to roll his sleeves up and get straight into the issues at the heart of the matter... straight talking'."

Legal 500

2017

Associate Member**Alistair Pye (2017)**

Barrister

Introduction:

A civil barrister and former solicitor-advocate with 30 years of litigation experience, Alistair Pye is a talented and committed advocate, advisor and mediator.

Areas of Experience:

- Construction and engineering disputes
- Company, commercial, business disputes and money claims
- Contract, tort and debt disputes
- Property disputes - including landlord & tenant (commercial and residential), boundary, rights of way, nuisance and trespass disputes
- Professional negligence – including construction professionals, solicitors, IFAs and surveyors
- Bankruptcy and insolvency
- Costs
- Employment
- Employers Liability
- Insurance
- Road traffic accidents

Personal:

Alistair is married with three grown-up daughters. He spends a lot of time trying to hold back the years and stay fit via hill walking, cycling and other outdoor pursuits. He also enjoys travel (particularly in Spain), history and a good debate in the local pub.


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Zia Rahman (2006)

Barrister

Introduction:

Zia is a civil litigation practitioner, specialising in fast track advocacy and advice in the areas of Personal Injury, Costs, Road Traffic and Credit Hire (defendant only). He is based in the West Midlands and appears mainly in County Courts across the Midlands and the North, but is happy to travel nationwide. He is particularly interested in the newly introduced Stage 3 MOJ hearings and has accumulated a wealth of experience in these matters since 2011.

Zia takes a practical, yet flexible approach to his work and is happy to undertake work on a CFA basis where appropriate.

Areas of Expertise:

- Personal Injury
- Costs
- Road Traffic (Claimant and Defendant)
- Credit Hire (Defendant)

Hearings:

- Fast Track Trials
- Assessment of Damages/Disposal hearings
- Interlocutory and case management hearings
- Stage 3 MOJ Hearings
- Small Claims track
- Infant Settlements

Personal:

Zia is a keen sportsman, having played rugby at county and club level. He is also a season ticket holder with Manchester United. Zia also has a passion for movie collecting, and has sourced several hundred rare and limited editions of movies from around the world over the years.



Rashda Rana SC (1990)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Rashda was called to the bar in 1990, became leading Counsel in 2014.

Rashda has extensive experience in international commercial litigation and arbitration gained across UK, Europe, Australia and the Asia Pacific region. She has worked as counsel in a number of international jurisdictions including London, Australia, New York, Paris, Milan, Brazil, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and China on both litigious and arbitrated matters.

She also has significant experience in a senior in-house role as General Counsel at one of the world's leading project management, design and construction companies operating in more than 30 countries worldwide. As GC, she was involved in a number of high-profile international projects, the development business in Asia, the acquisition and integration of another major group of companies, the Group's financing arrangements on a number of PPPs involving numerous overlapping institutional stakeholders' interests and led the team on a range of major disputes.

Rashda has extensive experience in representing and advising local and international clients in a broad range of contentious and non-contentious multi-party matters, including joint venture and partnership disputes. She has advised on and conducted major commercial, banking, insolvency, maritime, insurance, tax, regulatory and construction & infrastructure litigation, arbitration and mediation involving wide ranging issues. In particular, more recently, she has been involved in a number of cross-border insolvency and restructuring work including fraud, receiverships, asset tracing and corporate recovery, including a considerable number of distressed funds matters: acting for liquidators, directors, fund managers, creditors and investors of failed investment funds.

Rashda has also been Adjunct Professor teaching law at Sydney University Law School. She devised the undergraduate course in international commercial arbitration and it was the first of its kind in Australia.



Hugo de Rijke (1990)

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Feedback:

"Hugo gave good advice throughout. Eventually in Court his predictions regarding the defence became true. This gave me confidence in being able to respond to cross examination in a measured way. The outcome was a good one. If I was ever called to Court in the future, I would feel more than comfortable with Hugo as my representing barrister".

Lay client

Bower & Bailey

Introduction:

Hugo specialises in personal injury, road traffic, consumer and contract disputes, employment and education law.

In addition to his litigation practice, he is an Associate Professor of Law at Plymouth University, where he teaches contract law and dispute resolution skills, and has experience in relation to student complaints and appeals, as well as employment matters.

Hugo is very approachable and is a highly skilled and confident advocate, with the ability to get the best results for his clients through meticulous preparation, drive and determination. Since recently joining Clerksroom, he has received excellent feedback, both from clients and those instructing him.

Areas of Specialism:

- Personal Injury
- Road Traffic
- Contract and Consumer
- Education
- Employment

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[@edrossbarrister](#)**Feedback:**

"We have instructed Ed Ross a number of times over the years, and on various matters including some complex construction matters, various property-related matters and general commercial disputes. I have always found him very thorough, extremely helpful, and good with clients. He is also able to engage meaningfully with the judiciary, which can be a real bonus."

Richard Davies

Kendall & Davies

Ed Ross (2010)

Barrister

Introduction:

Ed is a specialist Commercial and Property practitioner. He has a busy Court practice, appearing in the High Court, County Court and various Tribunals on a near daily basis. He provides advice and drafts legal documents in all his practice areas. He is also licensed to act for members of the public and SMEs directly and is authorised to conduct litigation. This means Ed can provide "cradle to grave" legal services. His litigation "ticket" is particularly useful for urgent applications when instructed by both solicitors or members of the public.

Ed is currently studying for the MSc in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution at King's College London, his dissertation is to focus on International Commercial Arbitration. He therefore brings cutting edge commercial knowledge and experience to his caseload.

Areas of Practice:

- Bankruptcy and Insolvency
- Construction
- Contract
- Energy and Utilities
- Landlord and Tenant
- Real Property
- Professional Negligence

Personal:

Outside of work, Ed enjoys obstacle course racing and triathlon. He has been a Tough Mudder season pass holder, has completed numerous open waters swims including the Strait of Gibraltar and now concentrates on the Ironman 70.3 distance. He is President of the Oxford Young Professional Society and is passionate about music, playing double bass and piano.

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"Dear James (Rudall), Very many thanks for representing us at Dudley C.C on 18th July. It was a pleasure to meet you and to achieve "justice" together in obtaining the verdict in our favour. We were very impressed with not only your advocacy but also with the obvious amount of preparation you had put into the case before hand. We would also like to commend you for the easy manner and very friendly approach you have. It certainly helped us to go through the process without undue stress, or hassle. Mr & Mrs Bell, Sutton Coldfield (lay clients)"

Mr & Mrs Bell, Sutton Coldfield

Lay clients

James Rudall (2013)

Barrister

Introduction:

James is an experienced civil Barrister, who practises nationally, with much of his practise in London, Bristol, Birmingham and Cardiff. James is highly regarded by solicitors and he receives regular instructions to appear in the High Court to deal with complex and high value cases.

James qualified as a solicitor in 2001 and obtained full rights of audience in all Higher Courts in 2005.

Since 2005, James has regularly undertaken advocacy in the High Court and the County Court and is also experienced in undertaking advocacy in HM Lands Tribunal. James has also undertaken advocacy at Planning Tribunals and Appeals and has attended the magistrates Court and Crown Court on quasi-civil matters involving breach of planning, licensing and environmental matters.

James has also undertaken a successful written appeal in the Court of Appeal.

During 2019, James completed a Master of Laws, specialising in company law, at Cardiff University, whilst also holding down his full time practise. His research specialised in company derivative claims and company unfair prejudice petitions.

Areas of Specialism:

- Business & Commercial Law (including Insolvency)
- Court of Protection
- Costs
- Inheritance Act
- Personal Injury
- Professional Negligence
- Land & Property (including commercial & residential leases)
- Public & Administrative Law
- Road Traffic
- Technology & Construction
- Wills & Probate
- Other Civil

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Barrister

Introduction:

As a specialist in media law, Jake advises both claimants and defendants regarding defamation, misuse of private information, breach of confidence, data protection and media regulation.

In reputation protection, his clients have included household names in sports and entertainment, multinational companies, governments and ultra-high-net-worth individuals who have been subject to adverse media interest in print and online.

Jake has a wealth of industry knowledge: He has gained invaluable experience working within some of the top-tier media law firms, including Harbottle & Lewis and Carter-Ruck; he undertook pupillage with specialist media law Chambers 5RB; and has experience working for some of the most prominent British media outlets, including the BBC and The Mirror. Jake is also an NCTJ accredited journalist.

Jake offers pre-publication 'libel reading' advice for newspapers, scriptwriters, publishers and broadcasters. His clearance experience includes numerous Hollywood scripts, theatrical productions, television shows and books.

Areas of Specialism:

- Defamation
- Privacy
- Data Protection / GDPR
- Breach of Confidence
- Copyright
- Harassment
- Road Traffic
- Personal Injury

Instruction:

Jake has Public Access Accreditation and authorisation to conduct litigation and can accept instructions without the need for a solicitor.

Jake is always willing to discuss a case, and will consider accepting cases on a Conditional Fee basis.



Innovation distinguishes
between a leader and
a follower.

- Steve Jobs

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Join Ahmer on [Linked in](#)**Feedback:**

"[Ahmer Sajid] has now done two hearings for me in the past 2-3 months - he has assisted us with a 100% successful outcome on both hearings. On one the case against our client was dismissed and we recovered costs in full; on the other, we succeeded on liability 100%. Mr Sajid seems to not only understand our case but add his experience as Counsel to deliver the best possible outcome. I am very pleased with him and will be recommending him to my colleagues."

Talita Bentley

Browne Jacobson LLP

Ahmer Sajid (1998)

Barrister

Introduction:

Ahmer was initially called to the Bar in 1998 but chose to pursue a career in commerce before commencing practice at the Bar in 2005. His commerce background provides him with useful insight into the commercial realities of litigation.

Areas of Specialism:

- Personal Injury
- Road Traffic/Motor Claims
- Credit Hire
- Costs
- Commercial work

Ahmer is approachable and centrally based in Birmingham. He is happy to travel wherever he is required and undertakes Fast-track trials, Disposal hearings and detailed assessment hearings. He is also happy to accept Personal Injury Instructions under CFA.

Personal:

When at leisure Ahmer enjoys skiing, hill and mountain walking.



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Feedback:

"I would just like to say that Monica was absolutely fantastic in dealing with my case. Without her, I would never have been able to carry on with the case and eventually win. Thank you!"

Mrs W.

Lay Client

Monica Savic-Jabrow (2017)

Barrister

Introduction:

Monica works across a broad range of personal injury matters, with a particular interest in cases involving public liability and travel claims. Before qualifying as a Barrister, Monica spent a number of years working as a Litigation Executive gaining litigation and advocacy experience and she brings this to the Bar, along with an understanding of the needs and expectations of solicitors instructing Counsel.

Monica is currently in the final stage of pupillage and is keen to develop a busy practice across a wide range of personal injury matters including, but not limited to, stage 3 hearings, disposal hearings, interlocutory hearings and applications, as well as small claims and fast-track trials. Monica is also experienced and able in her papers providing both advisory and drafting services to those who instruct her.

Monica also has experience in housing, clinical negligence and financial-mis-selling matters with her PhD being centred on the latter and she is happy to accept instructions in these areas.

Clients praise Monica for her attention to detail, conscientious, friendly, approachable and accessible manner.

Membership:

Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn
Association of Women Barristers

Education:

University of Manchester, PhD (On-going)
BPP Law School, Bar Professional Training Course
University of Manchester, LL.M
University of Manchester, LLB (Hons.)

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Barrister

Introduction:

An experienced legal practitioner since 2012. Qualified as a solicitor in 2016, Barrister 2018, Bar Standards Board approval to act as a Solicitor or Barrister with parties consent and where no conflict arises. Clients must be aware of which capacity Salman is acting for them, Barrister or Solicitor. He has chosen to act as a Barrister via Clerksroom.

Salman is based in Greater Manchester and is happy to travel upon instructions.

Salman has extensive experience having worked as a Solicitor-Advocate (with Higher Rights of Audience in Civil) in a medium-sized firm before becoming a Barrister in 2018. As a result, he is uniquely placed to understand the pressures of Litigation. He further has an excellent understanding of the need to instruct Counsel and be tactically astute in handling matters; he appreciates the importance of a pragmatic and commercially focused approach.

Salman's particular specialism is in Road Traffic Accidents with a particular focus on Taxi Credit Hire Litigation. He also understands and has dealt with matters involving Employer's Liability and Public Liability cases. In addition, he has Family Law and Immigration Law experience. Besides, he has experience in more general Litigation matters, so would welcome instructions on any civil matter commensurate with his level of experience.

Areas of Specialism:

- Road Traffic
- Credit Hire (Claimant)
- Credit Hire (Defendant Insurance)
- RTA (With Personal Injury)
- RTA (Without PI)
- RTA/PI with Fraud/LVI (Claimant)
- RTA/PI with Fraud/LVI (Defendant)



Michael Shaw (2017)

Barrister

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Feedback:

"I instructed Mike on a complicated public liability matter. I was impressed by his down to earth nature and the effortless way he was able put my client at her ease in conference.

At trial his cross examination of the Defendant's main expert witness was, by all accounts exceptional, and won the day for our case. The judge singled out their witness for specific criticism as a result of the flaws in his evidence; flaws which I'm sure would not have come out but for Mike's advocacy skills."

Sobia Zahoor - Solicitor

Director, Themis Lawyers

Introduction:

Trusted, professional legal advice, help and representation that is founded on more than 15 years' experience.

Called to the Bar in 2017, I am a fully qualified Barrister who has spent many years as a practising Solicitor and, until recently, a Solicitor Advocate and Practice Director, where I had overall responsibility for a number of Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury teams.

How can I help you?

I offer accessible advice and expert representation across a range of legal issues, including, but not limited to:

- Negligent health care: when something has gone wrong and you have suffered an injury as a result. Examples could include a misdiagnosis or delayed diagnosis by a GP, or a poor standard of treatment received from a dentist or surgeon.
- A cycling, motorbike or vehicle accident that has left you, or a loved one injured.
- Injuries sustained as a result of faulty and defective products.
- Cyber and revenge porn offences.

Who have I helped?

Over the years, I have helped hundreds of clients achieve compensation when others had given up. I have represented individuals in a number of high profile cases too, attracting coverage on the front page of the Times, on Radio 5 and in the Guardian and the Law Gazette as a result.

Areas of Law:

Professional Negligence
Personal Injury
Product Liability
Cyclist & Road Traffic Accidents
Clinical Negligence
Music & Media Law

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"Daniel ShenSmith and team have been great so far in the case he is dealing with for me and is going above and beyond. The case he is dealing with for myself and my son is very upsetting but he shows he does care and will fight for justice."

Tammie Marie

ShenSmith Law

Daniel ShenSmith (2018)

Barrister

Introduction:

Daniel came to the Bar with 20 years of successful business operation. As an entrepreneur, he built businesses from the ground up to turning over millions of pounds and has hands-on experience in every area of operation and face-to-face negotiations. As such, he has a robust and pragmatic approach to legal advice and representation with a focus on achieving a workable solution for his clients.

Daniel also manages a Licensed Body law firm authorised and regulated by the Bar Standards Board to provide litigation, advice and advocacy services.

Areas of Specialism:

- Company law
- Contracts and consumer law
- Intellectual property law
- Family law


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Huw Shephard (1982)

Barrister

Introduction:

Huw Shephard undertakes commercial and contractual disputes and public law litigation, advisory work and drafting over a range of practice areas and business sectors. He is a team player who enjoys working with lay and professional clients to identify and resolve problems in a way that is best suited to the client's needs.

He is direct and decisive, a pragmatist in resolving disputes, prepares cases thoroughly and is an effective senior junior advocate.

Work undertaken:

- Shareholders' interests and disputes
- Director's rights and duties
- Corporate governance
- Development agreements and planning disputes
- Local government law (but not social services)
- Public law and judicial review
- Financial services law and regulation both onshore and offshore
- Trusts
- Insolvency
- Cross-border transactions and disputes
- Inquests
- Drafting agreements and primary, secondary and tertiary legislation relating to the above

Huw is also happy to assist with Personal Injury work if asked, having undertaken many cases in the past at government level.

Personal:

On a personal level, Huw is married and enjoys family life. He also sings and plays musical instruments, goes scuba diving and sailing, and loves opera, rugby and cricket.

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"Mr Singh handled my matter with care, consideration and above all consummate professionalism"

Brent Sadler

Former CNN International correspondent

Manan Singh (2006)

Barrister

Introduction:

Having originally qualified as a Solicitor and then cross-qualified as a Barrister in England & Wales and recognised in Legal 500, Manan has a unique end-to-end understanding of the legal process from first advice to trial, as well as the ability to handle legal matters with the utmost care.

He is qualified to provide direct access services to clients without the need for a solicitor to be instructed, providing a one-stop-shop service for clients' legal needs where appropriate.

CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATOR WITH INTERNATIONAL EXPERTISE

As a Barrister and specialist Mediation Advocate, Manan has represented clients in the English Courts, in international arbitration for the LCIA, ICC and DIFC-LCIA and in mediation proceedings.

LITIGATION

Manan often acts in an advisory capacity, working with clients to trouble-shoot matters with a view to dispute avoidance. At the other end of the spectrum, he has represented clients in high-value cases including contract disputes, director and shareholder disputes, civil fraud and insolvency proceedings.

ARBITRATION

Manan has represented clients in international arbitration matters before forums including the ICC, LCIA and DIFC-LCIA most recently touching upon cyber fraud, franchise disputes, licensing issues, manipulation of accounting policies and misappropriation of funds.

MEDIATION

Having completed a specialist qualification in Mediation Advocacy from the Society of Mediators, Manan has an impressive track record of achieving settlements through mediation prior to or during the litigation process.

Areas of Law:

- Consumer Contracts
- International disputes
- Banking and financial services disputes



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Feedback:

"I just wanted to follow up from yesterday's training that Ian Skeate kindly came and provided [on Industrial Disease claims]. The feedback from the guys here that attended was fantastic. They were all very impressed and feel that it was extremely beneficial and that they learnt so much from Ian."

Michelle Baines,
Partner & Practice Manager

7LLP Solicitors

Ian Skeate (2002)

Barrister

Introduction:

Ian joined Clerksroom in January 2010 after practising from St Johns Buildings, Manchester since 2003. Ian has a General Common Law practice and is able to act in several different areas of practice although his particular expertise lies in Personal Injury, Professional Discipline and Regulation, Employment and Costs. Ian remains based in Manchester but is happy to travel nationwide and approximately half his Court practice is in London.

Ian is first and foremost a trial lawyer and has a particular reputation in this aspect of his work. He is fully authorised to accept direct access work and is further authorised to conduct litigation as well. Direct Access will be considered on a case by case basis but is most suited to Professional Conduct and Employment law matters.

Ian has an established fast and multi track practice dealing with matters worth up to £1.5m. Ian's practice is split evenly between Claimant and Defendant. He has undertaken mediation training and represents Claimants and Defendants in these.

Areas of Specialism:

- Personal Injury
- Professional Disciplinary/Regulatory and Negligence
- Employment
- Costs

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[@familylawanswer](#)**Arlene Small (1997)**

Barrister

Introduction:

Arlene became a barrister in 1997, and soon after developed a keen interest in family law. She has now become a dedicated advocate in this field and has a wealth of experience in all aspects of both family finance and children matters.

She has a wide-ranging and thriving practice with extensive experience in providing advice and representation in family law cases. This enables Arlene to adopt a multi-faceted approach when assisting clients who have more than one element to their case. Arlene has a particular interest and experience in validity of marriage cases where there is an international element.

Arlene is incredibly passionate about helping her clients find the best possible solutions to their family related problems, and will often 'go the extra mile' to achieve this. She has a robust approach to advocacy where the situation demands it, but is also able to balance that with sensitivity to the particular challenges that clients experience when going through Court proceedings, as she is aware that, for many, it can be a very stressful and difficult time. Arlene works in London and the South East, but is willing to travel. She accepts legally aided, direct access and privately funded work, and is happy to undertake all levels of casework.

Areas of Specialism:**Specialist in Family Finance and Children Work**

- Child Arrangements Orders
- Adoption
- Schedule 1 of the Children Act
- Non-molestation and Occupation Orders
- Divorce including validity of marriage cases
- Financial Remedies Applications
- Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996

Personal:

Arlene is married to Andrew, a professional musician, and they have one daughter.



Gareth-Lee Smith (2014)

Barrister

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Feedback:

"Gareth is a dedicated and well prepared Advocate who goes the extra mile to meet the client's objectives. Would highly recommend in family law cases."

Jaskaran Dhillon

Partner at D & N Solicitors

Introduction:

Gareth specialises in civil and commercial law and private children law. He is based in Walsall and attends Courts throughout the Midlands.

Gareth's primary areas of practice are in civil and commercial law. Prior to practising as a barrister, he worked for three years as a county Court advocate for a leading national advocacy provider, and for two years as a PI paralegal. He therefore has a significant amount of experience in a wide range of civil matters. Gareth's civil practice is enhanced by his master's degree in Commercial Law, for which he was awarded a Distinction and came top of his cohort in Banking Law. His attention to detail and the depth of his research win plaudits from clients.

Areas of Specialism:

- Business & Commercial Law
- Contract
- Debt
- Business & Commercial Law
- Bankruptcy
- Other Common Law
- Family Law
- Family - Children
- Personal Injury
- Housing & Disrepair
- Property
- L&T Residential
- Possession
- Road Traffic
- RTA (Without PI)



Modupe Smith (2001)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Modupe is an experienced practitioner with a wide variety of experience which will be of great value to her clients both lay and professional. Her background has consisted of being a professional legal lecturer, undertaking further education with a Masters, working at a multi-national bank and practising at the Bar.

Areas of Specialism:

She is highly adept in dealing with a wide range of civil and commercial matters, including but not limited to the following areas of practice:

- Banking and Financial Services
- Contract
- Contracts (Sale of Goods and Consumer Rights Acts)
- Travel, Package Travel, Holidays and Tours
- Dangerous Dogs Act Claims
- Education
- Employment
- Information, Data and Defamation Law
- Landlord & Tenant
- Regulatory Law
- Road Traffic Accidents & Personal Injury
- Flight Delay

Personal:

Modupe was in the work choir for two years and sung modern and classical music including a piece dating back to Henry VIII. She also enjoys swimming and completed the Swimathon in 2018 for Cancer Research UK.



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Robin Somerville (2012)

Barrister

Introduction:

Robin is a barrister with a difference. He has a markedly different background to other lawyers. Prior to qualifying in law he was a money market trader in the City of London before he set up, grew and successfully sold three technology start-ups. As well as practising law, Robin is the Chair of one board and a non-exec of another. For over 13 years he was an equity holding director of the UK's leading online price comparison sites.

His background has given Robin particular expertise in insolvency, general commercial, technology, professional and general regulation, employment, road traffic and aviation. Robin assists by advising and representing parties, helping them settle their differences consensually or by deciding the outcome for them. As a barrister, arbitrator, mediator, ombudsman, investigator, regulatory panel chair and tribunal panel member of various kinds he has been involved in over 1,000 cases spanning more than 16 years.

Robin's inclusive professional style focuses on problem solving, finding solutions to issues and disputes by consensus wherever possible to avoid Court based determination unless no practical alternative remains to enforce parties' rights.

Robin is at his best at times of crisis and change where clients benefit from his judgement, strategic and analytical focus and calm approach.

Areas of Law:

- Insolvency
- General commercial, shareholder, board and contract disputes
- Technology Disputes
- Professional Regulation, Conduct and Discipline
- General Regulatory
- Employment
- Road Traffic
- Aviation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

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"We consider ourselves lucky to have found Haresh. He has helped our family on more than one occasion, always going out of his way to make sure we fully understood the issues he was helping us through with clear explanations and genuine empathy. As well as being an expert in his field he is one of the nicest people we have ever met."

Darren Stokes

Client

Haresh Sood (2009)

Barrister

Introduction:

Haresh has a unique skillset which makes him the perfect fit for a variety of Public Access work as well as Solicitor instructions. Before joining the Bar, Haresh qualified as a Solicitor and subsequently a Solicitor Advocate at one of Nottingham's best regional Law firms; Smalleys Solicitors. Consequently, Haresh understands the importance of tailor-made client care which he provides through the use of his spoken languages (Spanish, Hindi & Punjabi and intermediate Italian and basic French) and by conducting home visits. Haresh offers his legal services to clients all over the U.K. (particularly the East Midlands) and Andalucia (Spain, particularly Sevilla).

Areas of Specialism:

- Employment Law (all areas)
- Regulatory law (Medical professionals)
- Cost Disputes (various)
- Entertainment law (Actors, Filmmakers, Adult Industry)
- Immigration (Asylum - Sham marriages)
- Landlord Tenancy disputes (including lease forfeiture)
- Civil Injunctions and Criminal Behaviour Orders
- Contentious Probate
- International Work: Haresh has conducted placements abroad learning the law on different jurisdictions and international arbitration in Brazil and South Korea on Bar Council missions abroad.



You shouldn't do things
differently just because
they're different.

They need to be... better.

- Elon Musk

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Blair Toner (2010)

Barrister

Introduction:

Blair is a specialist in employment law with a focus on Employment Tribunal Advocacy, advice and litigation. He is regularly instructed in all types of hearings in the Tribunal including lengthy complex trials and group litigation. Blair has worked in-House at various law firms where he also balanced his advocacy practice with a caseload. This experience provided a clear understanding of costs/case management and the service solicitors and lay clients expect. He is based in London and his practice takes him nationwide.

Shortly after being called to the Bar, Blair worked as an Advocate in one of the largest UK-based law firms. He was in Court most days and also had a busy written practice. During this time he built expertise in personal injury and general civil work and he continues to receive instructions in this area.

Areas of Practice:

- Employment Tribunal Advocacy
- Employment Litigation
- Settlement Agreements
- Unfair Dismissal
- Discrimination
- Whistleblowing
- Bonus Disputes
- Restrictive Covenants
- Personal Injury
- General Civil

Personal:

When not working Blair enjoys spending time with his wife and children, cooking, martial arts and sports generally.


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Associate Member

Anthony Tur (2011)

Associate

Introduction:

Anthony Tur is a dual qualified barrister at the Bars of England & Wales and Berlin, Germany. He is currently in the process of developing his national and international practices. Anthony has a keen interest in expanding his specialisms in the areas of commercial, company, insolvency, banking and financial law. In addition, he also accepts instructions in personal injury and RTA cases.

Anthony is regularly instructed by solicitors in England & Wales as well as by German lawyers (Rechtsanwälte) in Berlin. Anthony has, therefore, gained experience in representing clients in the Courts of England & Wales as well as in proceedings conducted in the Federal Courts of Germany.

Anthony is a forward thinking and entrepreneurial barrister. His background provides him with a great understanding of the needs of international clients with potentially different cultural backgrounds. Both professional and lay clients say they feel at ease when dealing with him due to his friendly and open minded manner.

Pupillage/Training:

Anthony completed his training in two countries. He completed his first six months of pupillage at 3 Verulam Buildings in London and his second six month of pupillage at HEINZ & RITTER International Legal Services in Berlin.

Anthony had two pupil supervisors during his first six months of training at 3 Verulam Buildings. His first pupil supervisor was Mr Rajesh Pillai. Mr Pillai involved and mentored Anthony in a number of international disputes involving aspects of company law, directors' fiduciary duties, contract law, fraud, foreign laws and an international arbitration.

Called to the Bar of England & Wales: 2011; Called to the Bar of Berlin – Germany: 2015; LL.B (Hons) University of Bolton; BPTC Northumbria University.

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"Andrew [Turner] is an exceptional advocate and whether it is a fast or multi track case he employs such enthusiasm that it is contagious. Even when odds stacked against him he will go down fighting for the client. Razor sharp mind with a practical solution all on hand."

Navdip Gill, Partner

Geoffrey Leaver Solicitors

Andrew Turner (2010)

Barrister

Introduction:

A skilled and confident advocate, Andrew Turner is enthusiastic and professional, approaching matters with a strong client and commercial focus.

Following transfer to the Bar from the Roll, Andrew has a foundation and knowledge base in all areas of personal injury litigation and costs. His straightforward and approachable style, excellent bedside manner with lay clients, and commercial awareness make for a winning combination.

Areas of Expertise:

- Costs
- Personal Injury
- Credit Hire
- Mediation Representation
- Professional Negligence

Having spent nearly two decades practising law, Andrew has a depth of knowledge and experience drawn from working both as a solicitor and as a barrister. He prides himself on the quality of his work and his attention to detail, but most of all in achieving the best outcome for his lay and professional clients. He is a keen proponent of technology, and welcomes instructions by email or other electronic means.

As head of department in his previous firm before transferring to the Bar, he assisted in the transition of the firm from being largely RTA based, to being approximately 70% non-RTA in nature, and is happy to work with firms in a consultancy role where they are looking to make similar changes.

Personal:

After his family, Andrew's two main passions are cars and music. He also enjoys photography – particularly travel photography, in which he used to dabble before his children required an on-call chauffeur.

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"What an outstanding result my client will be ecstatic, you have far exceeded our own valuation by almost 40%. Once again you [Taj Uddin] have been thorough, supportive and full of useful advice. Thank you very much for all your efforts and attendance. (PI Quantum including scarring)"

Nageena Choudhry

Silverman Peake Solicitors

Taj Uddin (2010)

Barrister

Introduction:

Taj has a breadth of experience and solicitors like to work with him. He is bright and supportive to solicitors and lay clients alike. Those instructing him regularly tend to do so in different parts of his practice.

Key areas of practice include:

- Personal Injury, Claimant & Defendant
- Ancillary Relief (Financial Disputes following Divorce)
- Housing Disrepair (LL & Tenant)
- Property & Chancery including Equity / Trusts, particular experience in trusts arising from transfer of substantial assets within a family / friends / carers
- Costs, particular experience in Clin Neg Defence Costs

Personal Style

Having qualified as a commercial solicitor in a city firm and founded a tech startup, he is particularly apt at giving commercially practical advice. He relishes working on cases from the outset and developing a relationship and strategy with instructing solicitors and lay clients.

Experience:

Taj Uddin has undertaken a wide range of instructions and remains keen to maintain a broad range of expertise in the areas that interest him. Public Access matters present a welcome challenge.

Personal:

Taj has made it to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro and Cathedral Peak! Previously worked with and current supporter of A4ID in Tanzania www.a4id.org.



Tina Villarosa (1995)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Since being called to the Bar in July 1995 Tina has practised exclusively in all areas of Family Law. She specialises in Matrimonial Finance, Cohabitee Disputes and TOLATA claims, enforcement of Maintenance Orders, often with an international element. She also undertakes children disputes including Child Abduction and applications to remove children from the jurisdiction and disputes concerning jurisdiction and forum.

Tina accepts Public Access instructions.

Additional Experience:

- Qualified Mediator
- Chairs school Admission Appeals
- School Governor
- Fluent in Italian

Personal:

Married with 2 children. Loves art, music and travel.



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Feedback:

"Sundeep was very efficient and friendly on the telephone. He worked very hard to get us an Application to have a hearing re-listed and his follow-up was very quick. I was very happy with his work and as I said, I have noted his name in my tracker for future reference."

Rachel Hill

MRH Solicitors

Sundeep Virk (2004)

Barrister

Introduction:

Sundeep Virk undertakes property and insolvency work and has a particular interest in pursuing and defending high credit hire charges and associated claims for insurance companies or their associated/referral partners.

He is a team player and the go to person in chambers for complex and unusual cases. Sundeep has represented and advised both claimants and defendants in heavy litigation at first instance and on appeal. He is renowned for his highly effective written work and has been described as a smart, talented and tenacious barrister.

Sundeep has a strong chancery background having developed a broad commercial/common law practice.

He is willing to undertake work across England and Wales.

Sundeep is also a qualified mediator with a worldwide practice and public access accredited.

Areas of Specialism:

- Property
- Insolvency
- Credit Hire
- Professional negligence

Personal:

Sundeep is married and enjoys spending time with his son and family. He is a keen cricketer and loves to travel. In 2013 Sundeep ran the London Marathon for Save the Rhino and in 2016 he summited Mount Kilimanjaro for Zoes' Place Baby Hospice.



Peter Wade (2018)

Barrister

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Feedback:

"The way you've handled the sensitive issues surrounding my father-in-law's death, and how we've been treated with genuine compassion..."

As for the representation at the Inquest, it would have been a whitewash without your support. It was a refreshing change to be treat by someone with such compassion, professionalism and above all, care."

Mr L B

Lay client

Introduction:

Peter joined Clerksroom in October 2018, having spent over 14 years as a Solicitor and more recently, Solicitor-Advocate.

Called to the Bar in 2018, Peter resigned from his position as Director with a niche clinical negligence firm, Longden Walker & Renney, in 2017 to set up his own sole practice and legal consultancy, Inquest Legal Ltd.

Having completed his training contract with global law practice, Eversheds, Peter went on to specialise in both Claimant and Defendant clinical negligence litigation, working for national and international firms Irwin Mitchell and DAC Beachcroft.

Areas of Specialism:

- Clinical Negligence
- Inquests
- Personal Injury
- Occupiers Liability
- Public Liability
- Road Traffic
- Credit Hire (Claimant)
- Credit Hire (Defendant Insurance)
- RTA (With Personal Injury)
- RTA (Without PI)

Personal:

Peter is married with two teenage children. A lifelong Newcastle United fan, and registered F.A. Football Coach, Peter has, over the years, enjoyed playing, coaching and now watching his favourite sport. Peter enjoys spending time with his family, playing guitar and trying to keep fit; with occasional gym visits, running and regular trips out along the nearby beautiful Northumberland coastline.



Anwen Walker (1992)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Since coming to the Bar, Anwen has specialised in Family Law and in all matters concerning children. Her family practice involves both public and private law cases at all levels from the Family Proceedings Court to the High Court. She has been instructed in adoption, child care, ventilator and 'shaken baby' cases, including those resulting in homicide.

She is frequently instructed in cases where immigration problems impact on families and children as well as international child abduction and placement of children abroad. She has experience of dealing with cases from all over the world and of dealing with clients of various cultures and faiths.

In private law cases she has represented clients involved in media exposure and the protection of children in that environment. Anwen particularly enjoys acting for children when they give direct instructions.

Her Ancillary Relief practice ranges from high value to low income cases as well as those involving property disputes between unmarried couples.

Areas of Specialism:

- Family Law
- Family - Children

Hobbies and Interests:

Attending the theatre especially opera and ballet and visiting art galleries. Anwen is a friend of the Cheltenham Literature Festival and is the Accommodation Officer for the Gloucester 3 Choirs Festival. She sings with the Gloucester Choral Society and enjoys travel.



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Edward Wallis (2004)

Barrister

Introduction:

Edward is located in Norwich and covers general civil work in the Norwich and surrounding areas. General work includes Fast Track hearings, small claims, infant approval and costs matters.

Edward Wallis studied law at the University of London and completed his BVC at the Inns of Court School of Law.

He was called to the Bar in 2004 and has been practicing since then. He is a member of the Middle Temple.

Edward has had a great deal of experience attending Stage 3 hearings, Part 21 hearings, and all general civil applications.

He is happy to undertake advices on quantum.

He always achieves the best possible outcome for his clients.

He is based in Norwich and generally covers East Anglia and the South East but is happy to travel country wide.

Areas of Specialism:

- Personal Injury
- Holiday Sickness (PI)
- Road Traffic
- RTA (With Personal Injury)
- RTA (Without PI)



Greg Walsh (1991)

Barrister

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Feedback:

"Greg Walsh is absolutely brilliant at mediating. Massive thanks to Greg. I've completed the survey but just wanted to let you know how brilliant Greg was."

Maggie Smith

Public Access Client

Introduction:

Greg Walsh is an exceptional commercial lawyer and brings both legal and commercial knowledge to his practice. Greg has developed a reputation for finding solutions to the most difficult commercial problems and understanding the wider business goals when advising. Greg focuses not just on the highest quality legal advice but listening and understanding clients needs. These skills together with his ability to understand the commercial issues clients face allow him to consider alternative options for clients.

After being called to the Bar in 1991 Greg practiced in-house with multinational corporations for more than 20 years ultimately acting as General Counsel & Director of Contracting at Bupa in the UK Health & Wellbeing division. Greg uses the experience he has built up not just in the legal but also in the commercial world to assist his clients. Greg has provided advice to large and small businesses covering a full review of their legal risks, major contract reviews and negotiations, dispute resolutions and regulatory reviews. A tenacious lawyer with a constant focus on a clients needs Greg always delivers an excellent service.

Greg is also a Specialist Member of the IRM. Greg has developed risk systems for both large and small businesses as well as providing advice on legal risk management. This understanding of risk allows Greg to tailor his advice to the risk appetite of clients whether working directly with business or together with solicitor clients.

Personal:

Greg is married with four children and outside of the house enjoys running and football. He runs the Manchester 10k each year, along with various half marathons (including the Great North Run). He also enters a number of open water swimming events each year.

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Join Carly on [Linked in](#)**Carly Walters (2005)**

Barrister

Introduction:

Carly is a highly regarded civil practitioner with extensive experience in personal injury, cross-border, and credit hire litigation. Carly is also regularly instructed in costs only disputes and acts for both paying and receiving parties.

Areas of Specialism:

- Personal Injury
- Cross-border claims/Accidents abroad
- Credit hire
- Costs

Paperwork:

Carly offers a prompt turnaround of papers and is happy to discuss matters via telephone or email correspondence and to consider accepting instructions on a CFA basis.

Personal:

Carly was born in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria but now lives in Greater Manchester with her family.

Carly's spare time is mainly spent trying (but failing) to keep fit and providing taxi and banking services to her teenage son. Carly would much rather spend her time being pampered at beauty spas and lying on a beach somewhere in the Caribbean!



Samuel Waritay (1993)

Barrister

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Introduction:

I am principally a property law barrister with 20 years experience in this field of law.

Areas of expertise:

- Commercial property and Residential Leases
- Service charge disputes
- Possession proceedings
- Breach of covenant and Forfeiture
- Disrepair
- Trespass, adverse possession and boundary disputes
- TOLATA disputes
- Unlawful eviction

Quality Assurance:

I take great care to treat all clients with Courtesy and sensitivity. I aim to provide at all times a high quality service giving clear practical advice in the shortest possible timeframe. My goal is to present the client's case in the most effective and favourable light to try and achieve the desired result.

- Clients are treated with Courtesy and sensitivity
- Aim is to provide high quality and timely advice
- Goal is to achieve desired outcome by effective fact finding and favourable presentation of the case



Strive not to be a success,
but rather to be of value.

- Albert Einstein



Graeme Wood (1984)

Barrister

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Introduction:

Graeme Wood is a senior and experienced Barrister with a reputation as a highly effective and articulate advocate. His expertise is in contract (commercial and consumer), commercial and business law, equitable claims and disputes, common law including professional and non-professional negligence and cross border law and practice including EU Law.

Graeme provides representation, drafting and advocacy in these areas. He has extensive advocacy experience before UK Courts and Tribunals. He combines a high level of forensic skill and attention to detail with an ability to effectively analyse and communicate complex legal problems.

Areas of Specialism:

- Commercial, business and contract law
- Chancery and Equity
- Civil Procedure
- Common law
- Civil commercial cross-border claims
- Enforcing foreign judgments and other orders
- Travel and holiday claims including Regulation 261/2004 and Montreal Convention Claims
- European Civil and Commercial Litigation including jurisdiction and choice of law issues
- Consumer Claims
- Applications under the Civil Procedure Rules
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- Trial advocacy in all Courts

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"Just a quick note to say thank you [Nick Wright] for your help at Court today, you put forward a great argument and there is no way I would have been able to deal with it alone. It was great to watch you. I would not have liked to be the one cross-examined by you! I would have absolutely no hesitation in using you again...and will definitely recommend you to friends and family."

Charlene Steward

Public Access Client,
Landlord & Tenant matter

Nicholas Wright (2007)

Barrister

Introduction:

Nick Wright is one of the most approachable, client focused, and easy to deal with barristers you will ever instruct. Nick has made this his trademark since he qualified in 2007. Located in the Midlands, Nick can travel anywhere in England & Wales and is very happy to do so.

Nick says quite clearly "if you don't like the service I provide to you, don't pay me. No small print." Nick is, as far as we know, the only Barrister in England and Wales to offer this unique guarantee.

Areas of Specialism:

- Costs
- Money Claims
- Free CPD
- Public Access

Personal:

When he's not at work Nick is a volunteer on the Severn Valley Railway, which is a preserved heritage railway. Nick is very interested in, and devotes a lot of spare time in researching, the law relating to the railway industry. Disputes surrounding The Rule Book and related RAIB bulletins and investigations are of particular interest. If your work takes you to this specific area of law, Nick would very much like to come and talk to you.

Nick is accredited by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors as a Master Instructor, has completed in excess of 5000 dives all over the world, and has certified over 250 students. The law surrounding SCUBA diving is therefore also of great interest for Nick and he would love to expand his practice in this area.

Nick is also a member of the Magic Circle and regularly attends events and seminars nationally, as well as having a bee apiary in his back garden!



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- Membership of Clerksroom Direct (if public access qualified)
- Web based case management software (MLC Mobile)
- Managed private email, filtering and archive
- Managed Office 365
- I.T. support
- Lexis Nexis Library (all digital products)
- Benefit of group buying deals on other library products



Stephen Ward

Managing Director

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Feedback:

"Stephen is a very pro active, forward thinking Managing Director. I have recommended Clerksroom to several clients."

Penny Farrar

Andika

"Clerksroom have always provided highly competent advocates throughout the UK with an extremely efficient and user-friendly website. As a London-based lawyer, this is an invaluable service which I can rely on."

Anne Brown

Grower Freeman Solicitors

Introduction:

Helping solicitors, businesses and members of the public to find the right Barrister or Mediator in England & Wales for Civil, Commercial or Family disputes. Co-Owner and Co-Founder of Clerksroom & Clerksroom Direct.

Key Roles Include:

- Managing Director, Clerksroom Barristers
- Managing Director, Clerksroom Mediation
- Managing Director, Clerksroom Direct
- Project Manager, Billy Bot
- Company Secretary

Oversees all areas of business including:

- Development of Mediation administration
- Development of Clerksroom Chambers
- Development of Clerksroom Online
- Development of Clerksroom Direct
- Development of Billy Bot, Robot Junior Clerk
- Development of best practice & continuous improvement
- Global I.T. infrastructure, internal I.T. networks and 3rd party suppliers, web planning & development
- Investors In People
- Press & Public Relations

Stephen Ward has been a barristers' clerk since 1983, becoming a senior clerk to Chambers in 1993. Aged 25, Stephen was one of the youngest senior clerks in the UK after 10 years experience in the Temple and Grays Inn, London. Now Stephen is Managing Director of Clerksroom, manages a team of 20 clerks and oversees the worldwide operations of Clerksroom.



Gregory Speller

Senior Clerk

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Introduction:

Greg has over thirty years experience as a Clerk. He started his clerking career in 1988 at Atkin's Chambers in London, before moving to a provincial set of chambers in the South West in 1996.

Greg joined Clerksroom in it's infancy in 2003, motivated by his desire for involvement in a modern and dynamic environment whilst combining his extensive experience of traditional clerking . As Senior Clerk his strong leadership and positive attitude within the clerking and administrative teams is fundamental in delivering the high quality, professional service provided to our members and clients at Clerksroom.

Personal:

When not at work, Greg can usually be found either on his allotment with his wife and two young children, at the local Parkrun or watching his beloved Spurs.



Abigail Cox

Deputy Senior Clerk

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Introduction:

Abi joined Clerksroom in 2012, having completed a degree in Politics and Economics, followed by a Post Graduate Diploma in Law. She has a strong work ethic and a desire to help anyone at any time. She has become a highly valued member of the clerking team.

Abi is committed to working closely with Clerksroom's members and its clients, to assist with any diary related enquiries, covering all of our areas of law, from small claims to high value and complex matters. She is always focussed on going the extra mile and providing a first-class service.

Personal:

Abi has a great love for the outdoors. A former competitive shooter and hill walker, she will often be found exploring the UK and any country she can. Abi has an interest in art and is currently undertaking a course in jewellery design. In any spare time she gets, she enjoys cooking, baking and a good glass of red at the pub.



Will Jemmison

Diary Clerk

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Introduction:

Will joined Clerksroom in 2013 fresh to clerking and is educated to degree level. He has had a varied working background but has found his calling becoming a highly valued member of the diary clerking team. Will thrives on the pressure of the clerk's room and has a positive attitude toward problem solving.

Will is committed to working closely with Clerksroom's members and its clients to assist with any diary related enquiries, covering all of our areas of law. He also plays a key part in the maintenance of the Clerksroom Online system, having been closely involved with its cutting edge developments in recent years.

Personal:

Away from Chambers Will is married with two young children, Lily-Mae & Alfie, who take up most of his free time. Will is a qualified FA Football Coach and is keen to coach a youth team when Alfie is old enough to play.



Nastassi Jennings

Junior Clerk

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Feedback:

"Nastassi has really helped me out this week with a difficult flight delay hearing. A Court of appeal case that materially effects this sector just realised and so not in the bundle important to get it in to the judge in advance. I asked Stassi to assist got there Judge had it in his hand!"

Nigel Frost

Keystone Law

Introduction:

Nastassi joined Clerksroom as a Junior Clerk in 2018, having started her working life as a dental receptionist, within a highly regarded practice. Her experience with diary management and liaison with dentists and patients has provided her with a good footing for life as a clerk.

Stassi is the first point of contact for incoming calls, working closely with Clerksroom's clients to ensure their query is dealt with as efficiently as possible. She also assists with the handling of low level cases and the checking of Court listings for the next working day; a most unenviable task!

Personal:

Stassi loves the countryside and exploring it with her two dogs. She also enjoys reading and cooking.

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Kylie Parkman

Practice Administration Manager

Introduction:

Kylie joined Clerksroom in 2014, following a successful career in the hospitality industry, including hotel management. The skills (and patience!) she has developed over the years have enabled her to become a proactive problem solver and a highly valued member of the team; she is the team's eternal optimist!

As Practice Administration Clerk, Kylie is an 'all-rounder'; overseeing the processing of the incoming papers and assisting with the billing of Barristers fees and processing of payments, as necessary. She is also on hand to assist the diary clerks if required.

Personal:

Kylie loves the outdoors, travel and music, particularly live music. She also likes nothing more than a good catch up with friends and family, especially if it involves food or a night out.



Hayley Johnson

Case Administrator

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Introduction:

Hayley started her working life as a Red Coat at Butlins in Minehead, a position she loved for three years, before transferring to the bookings side of the organisation. Looking for a change of direction and to develop her career, Hayley joined Clerksroom in January 2019 as Case Administrator.

Clerksroom receives a high volume of incoming briefs, instructions and correspondence. Hayley is currently undertaking her training to ensure all papers are processed with an impeccable level of attention to detail and as efficiently as possible. She is enjoying building relationships with Clerksroom's members and its clients.

Personal:

Hayley loves days out and enjoys being on the go. To relax, Hayley likes going to the gym and dancing to new workout routines. And after all that, Hayley loves to read, especially a good thriller.



Lisa Rodger

Mediation Manager

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Introduction:

Mediation Manager and Registrar at Clerksroom Mediation.

Responsible for the day to day smooth running of the department. With a team of experienced mediation clerks, Lisa ensures standards are met so clients can expect a friendly, efficient and cost effective service each time they book a mediation.

Personal:

Outside of work, Lisa enjoys spending time with her family, 2 energetic labradors and horse.



Felicity Hamilton

Senior Mediation Clerk

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Feedback:

"Your administration is amongst the most efficient out of any business I have dealt with in 15 years of being a lawyer!"

Mark Rothman

Partner, Dispute Resolution Solicitor

Introduction:

Felicity also known as "Flick" is the Senior Clerk in the Mediation Department. Flick joined the company in May 2009 and has since successfully helped build the Mediation Department.

Flick and her colleagues in the Mediation Department are here to help with all Civil/Commercial Mediation Enquiries. Whether you are happy to browse the mediation database and choose a mediator or if you would like help in finding the right mediator for you please contact the Mediation Team.

Personal:

Flick is married and kept busy in her spare time with 4 dogs & 1 horse.



Holly Graham

Mediation Clerk

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Introduction:

Holly is a mediation clerk working as part of the Mediation Team, at Equity House in Taunton.

With 300+ Mediators located across the country, the Mediation Team are ready to assist with any Civil/Commercial Mediation enquiry that you may have, with a friendly and efficient service.

Personal:

Outside of work, Holly enjoys spending time with her husband and 2 young children who keep her on her toes!



Dennis Davies

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Introduction:

Dennis joined Clerksroom in 2009, following a career break to read for a Psychology degree. He has previously worked for two of the leading Family Law Chambers in London

As Senior Fee Collection Clerk, Dennis has overall responsibility for maintaining all aspects of chambers' fee collection. He and his team work closely with Clerksroom's clients to ensure payments are received as promptly as practicable whilst ensuring their individual needs are met.

Personal:

When granddaughters allow, Dennis likes to spend his time worrying about Arsenal and London Irish, which explains the lack of hair in his photo.



Jimmy Cox

Fee Collection Clerk

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Introduction:

Jimmy joined Clerksroom in 2015. He previously worked in 2 sets of chambers in Manchester, and then for 12 years worked for Meridian Law, mainly on their software support desk.

Jimmy is a member of the Fee Collection Team which has responsibility for maintaining all aspects of chambers' fee collection. Clerksroom offers a variety of funding arrangements such as CFA, privately funded and public access. Jimmy is more than happy to discuss any queries regarding outstanding fees.

Personal:

Jimmy lives in Cumbria, where he spends his free time enjoying the great scenery, great people and great food of the Lake District.



Louise Reed

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Introduction:

Louise joined Clerksroom in 2009. She has previously worked in Chambers in London, and also worked for Meridian Law in their software support team.

Louise is a member of the Fee Collection Team which has responsibility for maintaining all aspects of Chambers fee collection. Clerksroom offers a variety of funding arrangements such as CFA, Privately funded and Public Access. Louise is more than happy to discuss any queries regarding outstanding fees.

Personal:

As a mother of three, Lou is used to being busy! In her spare time she enjoys cooking and spending time with her family and friends.



Jane Harris

Fee Collection Clerk

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Introduction:

Jane joined Clerksroom in 2012. She started her career in Chambers in London. Following a career break when her son was born, she worked as a Quality Assurance Controller and Auditor for a private hospital and an Office Manager for a boarding up company before returning to Chambers.

Jane Harris is a member of the Fee Collection Team which has responsibility for maintaining all aspects of Chambers fee collection. Jane's key role is to collect fees on behalf of our members. Jane is more than happy to discuss any queries regarding outstanding fees.

Personal:

Jane is married with one grown up son. She enjoys the theatre, ballet, swimming and watching England play Rugby Union and in the rare moments that she gets to herself she enjoys hand embroidery, baking cakes and reading.



Adrian Gage

Billing Clerk

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Introduction:

Adrian joined Clerksroom in 2004 and has played a key part in the company's growth. He has developed an in-depth technical knowledge, enabling him to assist with all manner of billing and costs related queries quickly and efficiently. He has become a highly valued and integral part of the team.

Adrian is responsible for accurately recording billing information and sending out invoices for barristers' fees. His prime responsibility is to ensure that all work undertaken by each barrister is billed accurately, promptly and efficiently. He also works closely with the company Directors and Senior clerk with regard to financial reporting and commercial activities for the business.

Personal:

Adrian is married with 2 step children. He enjoys most sports, particularly golf and plays off a handicap of 5. He also enjoys music, films and socialising with friends and family.



Sam Morgan

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Introduction:

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Our service connects clients with over 1000 Public Access Accredited barristers for legal advice, drafting documents or agreements and advocacy at Courts and Tribunals in England & Wales or for mediation and arbitration internationally. Our independent barristers are self-employed and have expertise in the area of law relevant to your enquiry.

Personal:

Sam is originally from London and has lived in the South West for 15 years.

He has a wide range of interests, and also teaches Acting/Improvisation and has a passion for comedy.



Rory Nunn

Public Access Clerk

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Introduction:

Rory joined the team at Clerksroom Direct in 2017. Prior to this, Rory worked with two other traditional sets of chambers in the South West, dedicating specific focus to the generation and management of work arising out of the opportunities presented to the Bar by the advent of the Public Access scheme.

Before becoming a barristers' clerk, Rory had a career as an executive search consultant, focusing on appointments within the aerospace and automotive engineering industries, both in the UK and Europe.

Personal:

When not at work, Rory's time is more or less completely absorbed by the demands of his young family. If ever the opportunity arises to shake them from his tail, Rory will most likely be found cooking, reading, playing the guitar or trying to escape to France.

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Jake Ward

Finance Manager - Public Access Team

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Jake is responsible for the finance and bookkeeping for all public access matters at Clerksroom Direct. This includes:

- Online payments
- BACS payments
- Bookkeeping
- Budgeting
- VAT and CT
- Payroll
- Preparation and assistance to the board with management accounts

Personal:

Jake joined the Clerksroom Direct team after graduating with a first-class Economics degree from Cardiff. Jake enjoys anything on a social level and is an avid Arsenal fan.



AI is a tool.

The choice about how it gets
deployed is ours.

- **Oren Etzioni**



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Billy Bot

Robot Junior Clerk

Introduction:

Billy Bot is a project by Clerksroom to test artificial intelligence and how it can be used to link lawyers together to find the right Barrister. Chat with me at www.BillyBot.co.uk

Ask me a question via LinkedIn messaging and I'll do my very best to answer. I have 27,000 contacts in my database, I can search LinkedIn, I can instantly contact up to 200 Barristers Chambers, their clerks and 12,000 Barristers. 6,000 of them have undertaken training to work directly with business and members of the public. I can even arrange a mediation in England & Wales from £500 + VAT per party on any date, at any venue.

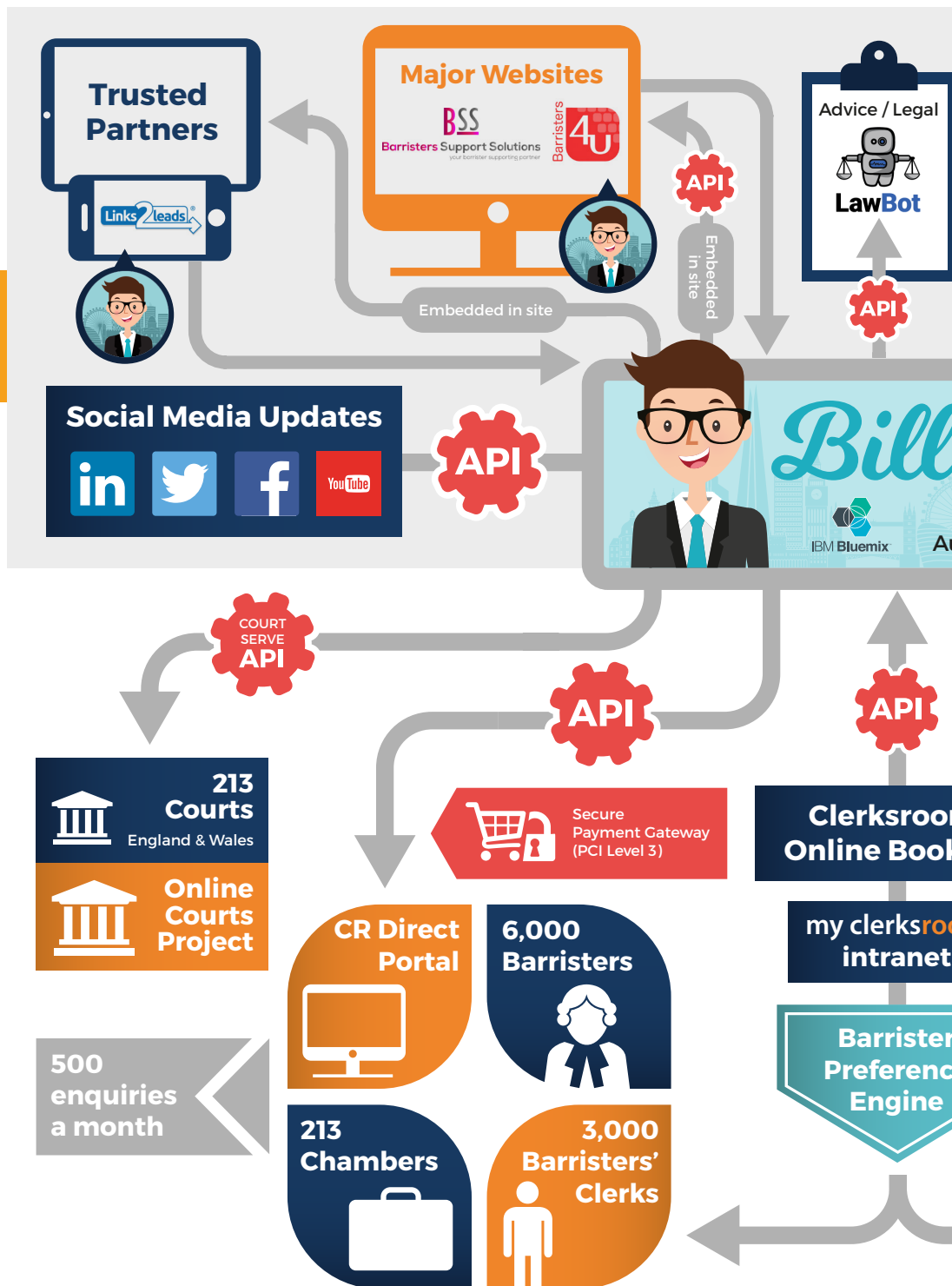
I am a junior clerk and chatty bot, currently in training to learn about how lawyers, companies and members of the public wish to engage with Barristers.

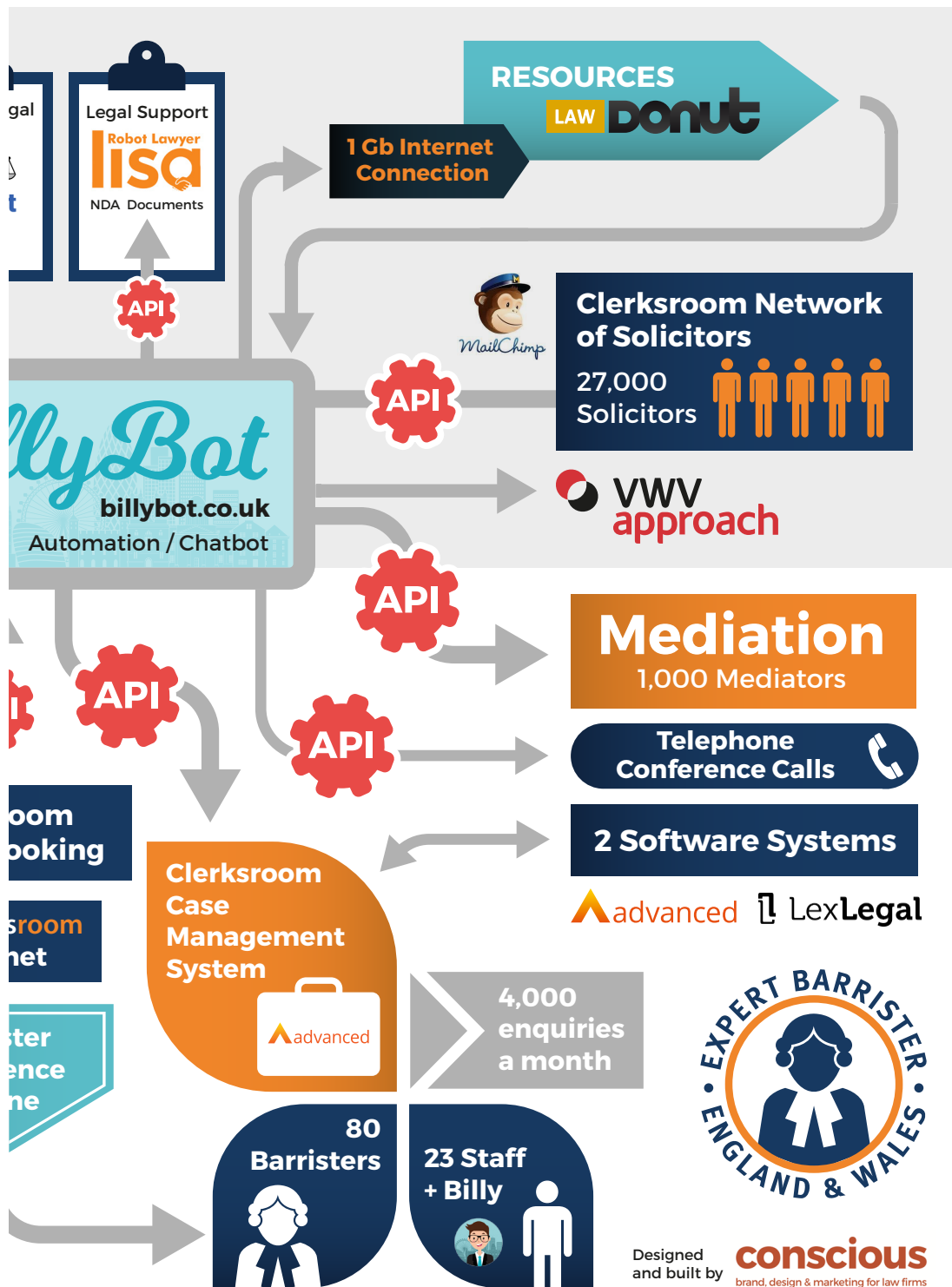
When I graduate, I will be able to help real people find the right expert Barrister, check availability and quote fees based on the information provided. I am a bit of a cheeky chappie and have a life outside the server farm where I live. My parents grew up in the USA and both work at Google Data Centre making sure the internet works or I'm a bit stuck.

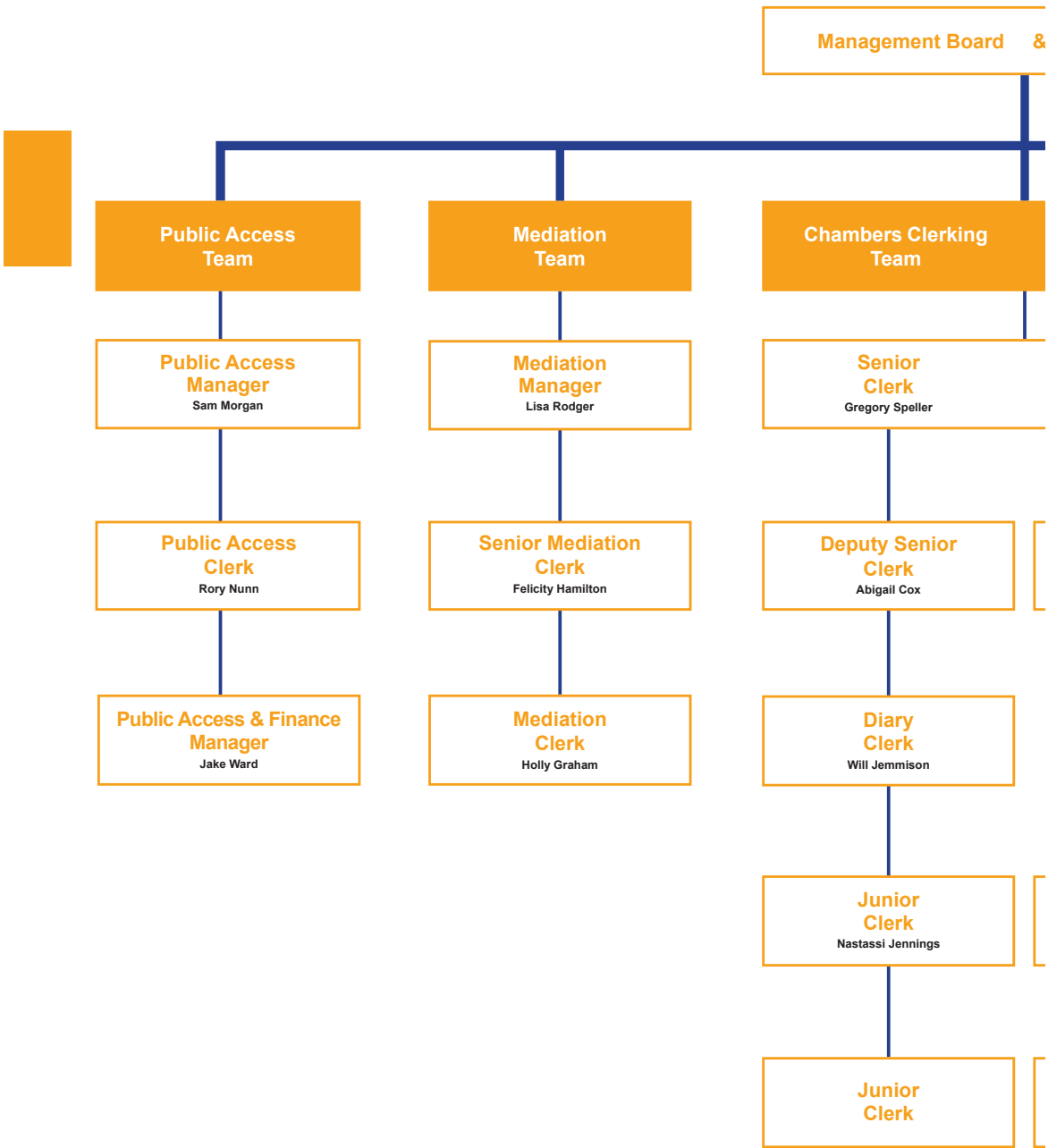
I'll keep you updated as we develop things. I'm setting up my own Twitter & Facebook accounts to share more news. Until then, my posts may be limited to day to day banter in chambers, my training and of course what I get up to after work.

I assist with general office duties in chambers and supporting the clerking team. Answering telephone enquiries with voice control. Logging case work onto chambers case management system. Dealing with incoming post. Electronic filing of paperwork, emails and instructions. Other General offices duties as required from time to time as requested by barristers and clerking team. Hours of work Monday to Sunday. Perks include: Luncheon Vouchers & Free Charging.

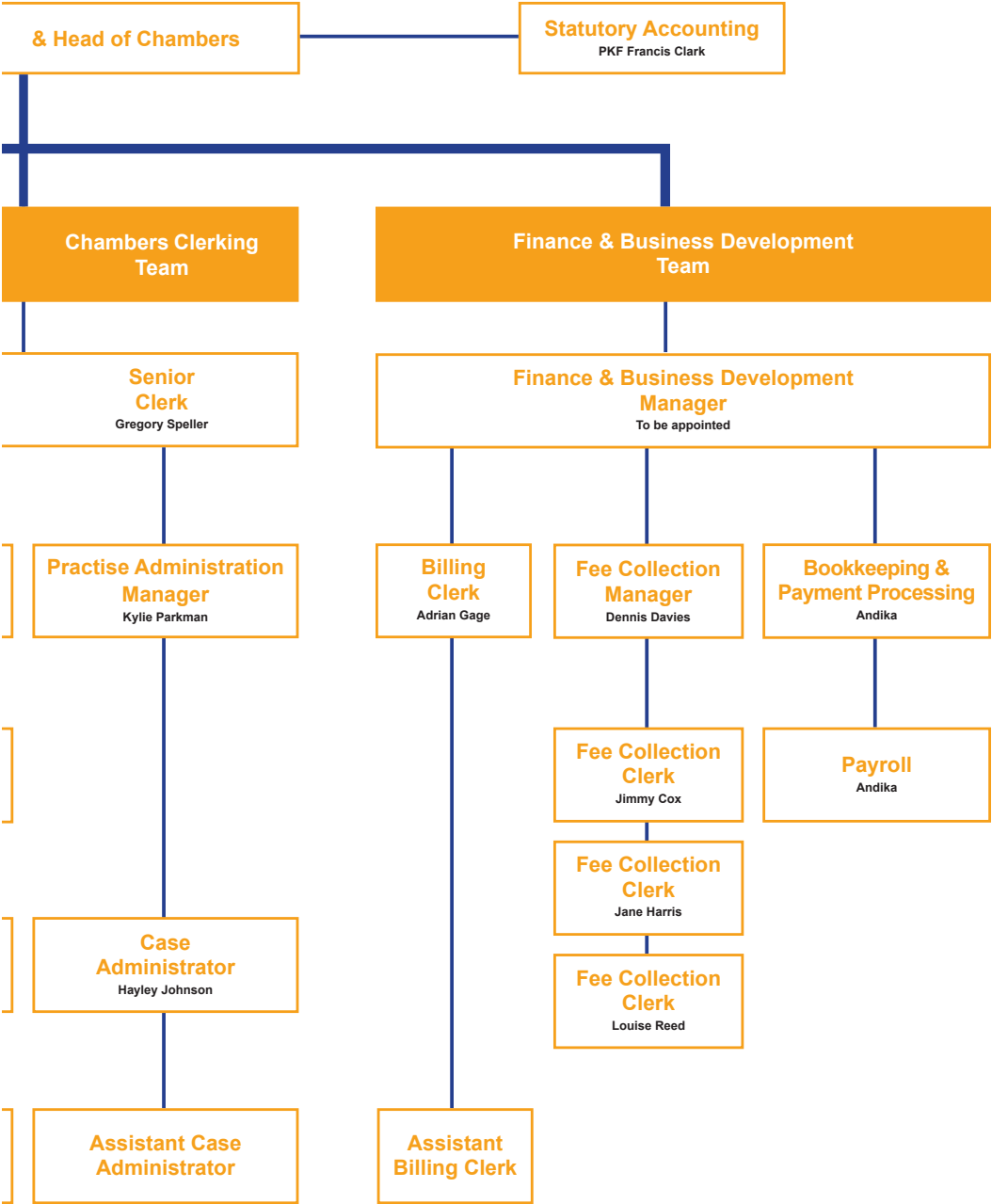
My parents named me after Billy Lamb, the clerk in the popular TV series called Silk. They must have known I'd grow up to be a junior clerk. Billy Bot is a project by Clerksroom to test artificial intelligence and how it can be used to link lawyers together to find the right Barrister.







Organisational Chart





Services for In-House Lawyers

The In-house legal group at Clerksroom provides commercial legal advice to legal groups in businesses and to businesses directly.

Introduction

The group is led by a barrister who has worked in-house for over 20 years and acted as General Counsel for multinational businesses. They understand the needs of businesses and what is expected from lawyers in businesses.

The in-house legal group provide invaluable additional resource to businesses own in-house group to support periods of high demand or if needed due to the absence of group members. The groups experience allows them to provide effective support quickly to ensure that the quality of service clients expect isn't compromised and at rates that provide exceptional value.

The in-house legal group are all public access barristers and can provide advice directly to businesses who don't have their own in-house group. The group will provide a General Counsel Service developed for your business that can include advising boards on legal issues and risks, assessing the potential legal risks your business may face, full contract

reviews and advising on the most effective way to manage legal disputes. The General Counsel Service will allow businesses to manage legal risks more efficiently by ensuring risks are managed to avoid issues arising in the future.

The in-house experience of a barrister ensures they are used to the need to work to deliver a business's wider goals, a clear communication style and the need to justify any costs incurred. The group may also be useful to assist solicitors who want to expand the services they provide to their clients to include commercial advice. The in-house legal group are able to provide services on a retainer basis to provide direct access to telephone advice from a barrister, attendance at planned board meetings and preferential rates. Fixed fees, daily and hourly rates are also available and our barristers can work remotely or on-site.

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Theo Pangraz, the Head of our German Desk, specialises in commercial & corporate law as a senior advocate in both English and German jurisdictions (English Barrister & German Rechtsanwalt). Having worked in-house for 15 years as General Barrister, Head of Law & Insurance and Managing Director within a German company operating worldwide, he is happy to discuss with you any legal question you may have in either German or English.

Our simple message is that we are here to help you and we are happy to tailor our services to your requirements or budget.

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Your access to Justice

What is the Small Claims Portal?

It is a portal to help users of the small claims Court navigate the process.

We appreciate that you want to help your clients but commercially this is often unfeasible in the small claims Court.

You are left with either:

- 1.Helping your client for no fee or at a loss; or
- 2.Referring them to the Citizens Advice Bureau; or
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The Small Claims Portal has been built as a viable alternative to option 1 and to fill the gaps left by options 2 and 3.

Whilst the Small Claims Portal will not provide legal advice, either you can provide that separately or, we can arrange that for your client at a fixed fee.

The Small Claims Portal does however:

- 1.Provide a library of tips and guidance to help users navigate the Small Claims Court; and
- 2.Provide professional support for the Final Hearing.



Small claims portal

How does it work?

If you or your client already have a bundle prepared simply upload it via www.smallclaimsportal.co.uk and we will arrange a barrister for your client's hearing.

If you prefer, we can organise the bundle for you too. Just upload all your papers via www.smallclaimsportal.co.uk and we will take care of the rest.

Other services

We can also arrange for legal representation prior to the final hearing and if necessary deal with an appeal of a decision made at the final hearing.

Visit www.smallclaimsportal.co.uk for further details.

What does it cost?

If you prepare your own bundle and we arrange a barrister:

Total cost £540 plus VAT (£648 inc VAT)

*If we prepare the bundle and arrange a barrister: **Total cost £780 plus VAT***
(£936 inc VAT)





Mediation

Clerksroom is a leading provider of mediation and we also believe we are the most flexible. We are able to offer mediators for any civil dispute, budget or location anywhere in the UK.

Our Service

It's never been easier to find an independent mediator. We know that when you're looking for a mediator, you want to find someone fully accredited with the right skills and experience, working in the right profession, based in (or able to travel to) the right location, and charging fees that suit your budget, usually as quickly and easily as possible.

The Clerksroom Mediation Database has been designed around your needs, providing a central and standardised point to view professional profiles of civil mediators who meet all current EU, MOJ and UK guidelines.

You can search by name, specialist area of expertise, geographical location, profession, or using free text.

You'll find all the information you need in a clear and transparent format, enabling you to make an informed decision quickly, easily and confidently.

Finally, you'll benefit from efficient administration provided by Clerksroom, helping you to appoint, instruct and organise your mediator, from the first enquiry to the final billing.

If you have any queries, or you would like to instruct an independent mediator, please contact our mediation team on 01823 704 099. Lisa, Felicity or Holly will be happy to help or email mediation@clerksroom.com

clerksroom.com/mediation:

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Just a quick word to thank you for your tenacity and input yesterday.

Without it I am sure we would not have got a deal.

**Feedback received for
Harry Hodgkin**

Compliance

- UK Civil Mediation Council CMC Registered
- Ministry of Justice and Court Scheme Compliant
- EU Code of Conduct adopted by every mediator

Quality Assured

- All mediators' accreditation is checked and recorded for your peace of mind
- Insurance and training certificates held on file
- Transparent, third-party feedback on all profiles provides an independent perspective

Up-to-date training

- All mediators undertake at least six hours continuing professional development every year
- In-house seminars and training provided on the latest mediation topics

Transparent, competitive fees

- Reduced rates available to suit your budget
- Variable fees from £500 + VAT per party offer you flexibility
- Fixed rates agreed with key mediators offer you transparency
- No additional travel costs throughout the UK when instructed through our service
- Mediation suites in Leeds, London, Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff and Taunton help you to cut costs – or we will attend any agreed venue for your convenience
- Efficient administration by market leaders, Clerksroom – fully transparent and accountable
- Experienced staff to manage each case
- Unique reference per party to ensure client confidentiality
- Single point of contact
- Independent feedback collected from each party following every mediation

Fees Made Simple

Clerksroom mediation fees are simple and transparent

We like to keep things simple. Our aim is to ensure our mediation costs are clear and transparent, so there are no hidden extras. All of our mediators are self-employed, so they are independent. You can choose the mediator.

Fixed Fees

Bronze Mediation Package

£500 + VAT per party

Silver Mediation Package

£1,250 + VAT per party

Gold Mediation Package

£1,750 + VAT per party

Bespoke Fees

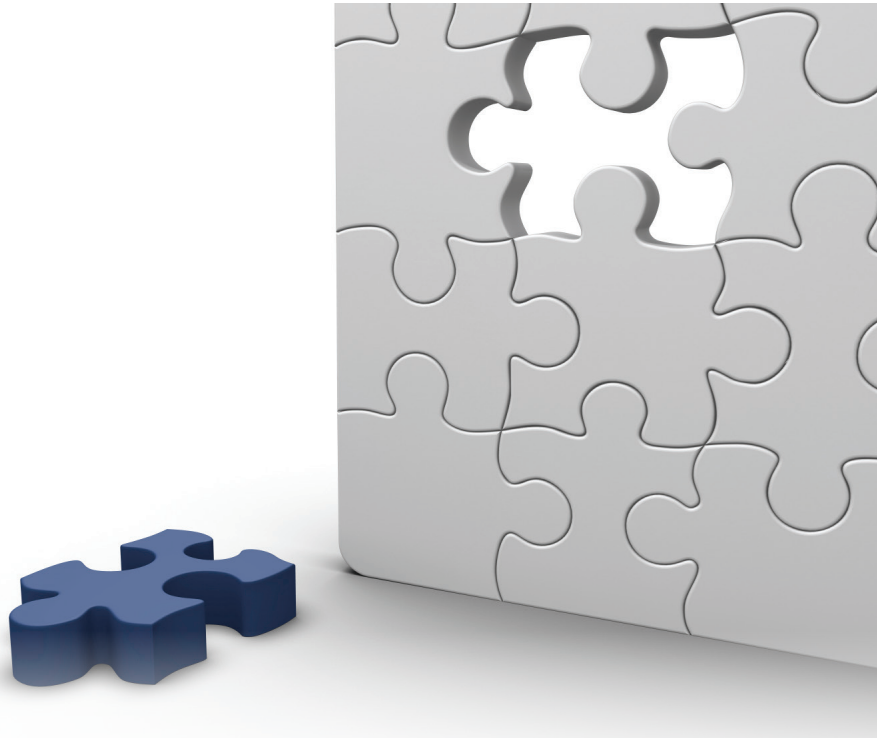
The Alternative

We will provide a quote



mediation? n.

Law - An attempt to bring about a peaceful settlement or compromise between disputants through the objective intervention of a neutral party.



what is mediation?

Mediation as used in law is a form of alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

This is a way of resolving disputes between two or more parties. A third party, the mediator assists the parties to negotiate their own settlement.

Mediation has a structure, timetable and dynamics that "ordinary" negotiation lacks. The process is without prejudice*, private and confidential. The presence of a mediator is the key distinguishing feature of the process.

Mediators use various techniques to open, or improve dialogue between disputants, aiming to help the parties reach an agreement (with concrete effects) on the disputed matter. The mediator must be wholly impartial and independent.

Source: Wikipedia

**Without any loss or waiver of rights or privileges.*

Source: <http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/without+prejudice>

advantages of mediating:

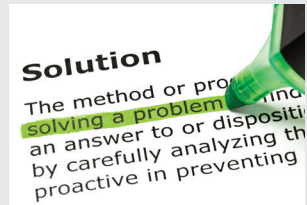
Parties are in control – you may be able to devise solutions which include elements a Court could not or would not apply. A Court will only answer the specific questions posed in the litigation. It is frequently a time consuming, stressful and uncertain process. It involves placing your problem in the hands of an unknown outsider.

Less expensive than going to Court – A failing party at Court may end up paying the other parties costs in addition to their own and any amount awarded by the judge. This can be on its own a very powerful reason to mediate.

Courts encourage mediation – Courts would prefer that parties mediate and look favourably on it being requested.

Rebuilding or preserving relationships – Parties may be able to reach a solution that they can both live with.

Mediation is confidential – mediation communications are not disclosed nor are they admissible in Court.



80-90%

of mediations result in a successful settlement

**Contact Clerksroom
Mediation on
01823 704 099**



An ounce of mediation is
worth a pound of arbitration
and a ton of litigation!

- Joseph Grynbaum

quality

Mediators may join our database at any time by setting up a profile online. We are proud of our high quality service and require mediators to meet all current standards for mediation in England & Wales. Once a mediator meets every standard set by the Ministry of Justice, Civil Mediation Council and European Union, we will review each profile and only publish when appropriate to do so.

Mediators all have the ability to request feedback on any mediation undertaken by them. Feedback is collected and shown in each profile with all performance - good or poor - monitored. Every mediator must meet all current standards to qualify for “*Certified Mediator Status*”.

Clerksroom was awarded Investor in People in 2002 and has retained the quality standard since.

CERTIFIED MEDIATOR

nationalmediatordatabase



Database Status - Compliant	
EU/CMC/MOJ Compliance checked	
Profile submitted	✓ Checked
Independent feedback	✓ Checked
History	✓ Checked
Insurance provider	✓ Checked
Insurance certificate	✓ Checked
Expiry date	✓ Checked
Level of cover	✓ Checked
Training requirement	✓ Checked
Qualification date	✓ Checked
Training certificate	✓ Checked
E.U. Code of conduct	✓ Checked
Observations completed	✓ Checked
Annual CPD log	✓ Checked
Mediator status	✓ Checked
Specialist panels	✓ Checked
Geographical location	✓ Checked
Professional status	✓ Checked
League table position	✓ Checked

selecting a **mediator**

Parties get to decide which mediator to appoint.

Clerksroom will send suggested mediators' profiles together with a fixed fee quotation. Fees vary depending on their level of experience. We will always try to accommodate parties if they have a budget.

Parties need to bear in mind that any accredited mediator can mediate any civil dispute. It makes no difference to the process if the mediator is legally trained. If the claim is complex or of a very high value then parties may feel a senior or elite mediator may be required.

On the day it is important to feel as comfortable as possible. All mediators are very personable but it is important to decide which level of mediator is right for you. Clerksroom mediators are a mix of lawyers, barristers, non-lawyers, doctors and retired judges.

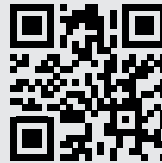
Alternatively, parties can give Clerksroom the details of the dispute and we will appoint a mediator on the parties' behalf.

levels of **mediator**

- ✓ **Observer & Trainee:** Plays no part in the mediation
- ✓ **Junior Mediator:** undertaken 0-25 mediations to date
- ✓ **Senior Mediator:** undertaken 25-50 mediations to date
- ✓ **Elite Mediator:** undertaken over 50 mediations to date with feedback all positive



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qualified mediators
and national coverage,
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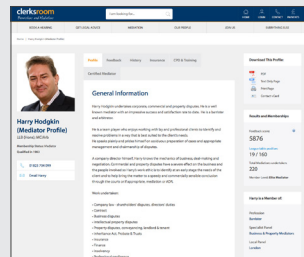
profiles explained

Every profile that is live on the Clerksroom Database is subject to all of our stringent compliance checks before it's displayed. The database is dynamic so each check is carried out every time the profile is displayed. Non-compliant profiles are removed automatically by our system for your security.





Once displayed on our website, each profile will provide you with general information about the mediators strengths and in most cases a photograph. The feedback tab provides you with a graph setting out all feedback received to date for the individual mediator. Hover over each column and it will show you the questions we asked the parties following a mediation.

History shows you a list of mediations undertaken, the nature of the dispute and the outcome. Insurance tab sets out level of cover and every mediator is required to have a minimum of £1m Professional Indemnity cover in place. CPD & Training confirms that the current year's CPD is up to date and a copy of the mediators training certificate issued by the training provider can be viewed. Certified Mediator tab confirms the dynamic checks undertaken to ensure the profile is compliant with all current standards.

On the right you will see various information such as the mediators' feedback score, league table position, number of mediations undertaken to date, their status (i.e. junior, senior, elite) and their selected panels such as specialist area (each mediator is only allowed to select one panel each), geographical location, profession and local Court scheme.



Download This Profile:

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Results and Memberships

Total Mediations Undertaken:

223

Thumbs-up Rating:

 **86%**

Member Level: **Elite Mediator**

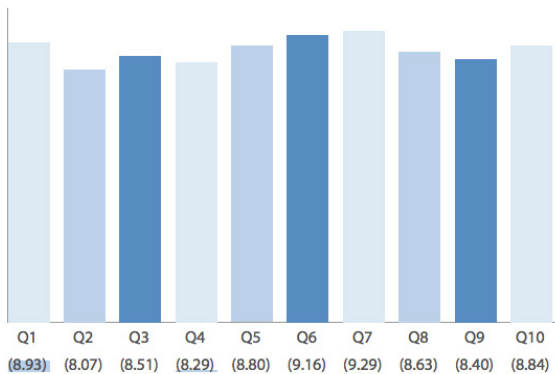
Member Type: **Exclusive Member**

feedback

Once a mediator has completed a mediation, the mediator is able to log into their profile and send an email to the parties requesting feedback. We encourage all mediators to do this because it affects their national ranking in the Clerksroom Database. The system is automated and “sealed” so mediators or administrators cannot amend the feedback or scores. The feedback is automatically emailed to administration team to review. Any issue raised is followed up but the scores are sealed and locked into the feedback record – good or bad.

We currently ask 5 questions and feedback is supplied by way of a simple tick box rating the mediator. Hover over the graph to view the question asked.

Requests for feedback are sent directly by the mediator following a mediation having taken place, irrespective of the provider who organised the mediation.



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preparation

The mediator will need to know what the dispute is about so will need to be supplied some information in advance. They will not need to know every detail. It is normally helpful for the mediator to have sufficient papers to prepare for the dispute. In advance of the mediation, you may wish to ensure the mediator has a short confidential written explanation setting out your views on the way forward.



the preparation to mediate

The Mediation Agreement will be sent to you or your solicitor once the date has been agreed between the parties and the mediator. Our standard agreement covers the following key points:

- ✓ Terms and Conditions
- ✓ The Appointment
- ✓ The Venue and Date
- ✓ Fees
- ✓ Cancellation and Re-scheduling
- ✓ Procedures
- ✓ Confidentiality
- ✓ Human Rights
- ✓ Law and Jurisdiction

setting up a mediation

The letter confirming an agreed date between the parties will confirm the following points:

- ✓ Date
- ✓ Time
- ✓ Mediator's name
- ✓ Mediator's fees
- ✓ Venue and cost
- ✓ Payment is required in advance of the agreed date

ready to mediate?

Contact Lisa, Felicity or Holly
on **01823 704 099**

places to mediate

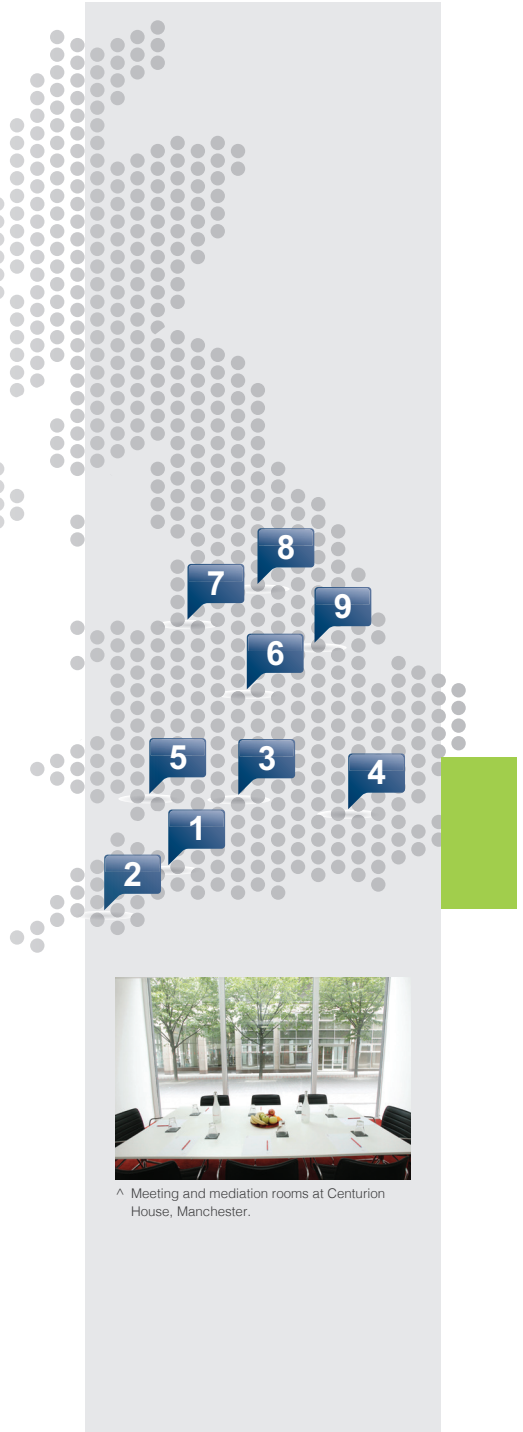
Mediation Suites – England & Wales

We use facilities at the following locations on a regular basis:

- 1 Taunton**
Holiday Inn
The Great Western Hotel
- 2 Totnes**
Dartington Hall
- 3 Bristol**
Bristol Law Society
3 Paper Buildings
- 4 London**
International Dispute Resolution Centre,
70 Fleet Street
Thanet House, 231-232 The Strand
ADR Centre, 3 Gray's Inn Square
- 5 Cardiff**
Holiday Inn
- 6 Birmingham**
Grosvenor St Paul's
- 7 Manchester**
Chamber Space, 151 Deansgate
- 8 Leeds**
Holiday Inn, Garforth Hotel
- 9 Nottingham**
Holiday Inn

We are also happy to attend any venue that has been agreed between the parties. If you are unsure about what would be a suitable venue, please do telephone us to discuss the facilities normally required.

Please see further information on our website.



^ Meeting and mediation rooms at Centurion House, Manchester.

what to expect

on the day

Mediation does not have the formality of a Court. Much depends on the wishes of the parties, the nature of the dispute, the number of parties, the physical constraints of the venue and the style of the mediator. For example, in a dispute about a boundary it may make sense to visit the site. There are, however, certain common themes which frequently emerge.

The best venues will have one room for each party plus a large meeting room where everyone can meet. The most common format, but by no means universal, is for there to be an opening session attended by everyone at which after introductions and a few opening remarks by the mediator, each party sets out their view. After that, sometimes the discussions continue but frequently the parties move to their individual room and the mediator will shuttle between them giving everyone time and space to develop possible solutions. The mediator will work on the basis that anything he/she is told in private session he/she keeps confidential, unless authorised to disclose it.

A common misconception is that mediation is a “fuzzy” way of resolving disputes. It is not. Whilst it lacks the formality of a Court no one needs to give ground if they do not wish to do so. The object of the exercise is to resolve the dispute by negotiating a mutually acceptable solution for all concerned.

Remember that there may not be a perfect solution, or if there is, you may not achieve it in Court – be flexible.

Remember that the mediator is not a judge. Do not try to convince the mediator that you are right. The mediator will not tell you if you have won him/her over even if you have, it would not achieve anything – it is the other party you need to convince.

If a resolution is achieved, you or your legal adviser will normally draft an agreement which is signed by both parties. If Court proceedings are ongoing that can be expressed as an order bringing the proceedings to a close, or staying them pending compliance with the terms of the settlement agreement.

Most mediations settle, but if, unfortunately, no solution is found, then nothing is lost. Neither party will be able to rely on concessions made without prejudice at the mediation. At the very least you should have gained a greater understanding of the position adopted by the other party. Indeed it is not uncommon for disputes which fail to settle on the day to settle shortly afterwards, when those involved have had time to reflect.

observer

Newly qualified mediators need to observe three mediations in order to lead their first mediation and help others in the future. With your agreement it is likely that an observer will attend your mediation but will play no part in the process.

An observer will also be asked to sign the Agreement to Mediate to ensure confidentiality. This is normally dealt with at the outset of the mediation day.

time spent with the mediator

The mediator will try to spend an equal amount of time with each party during the mediation day. Sometimes it may seem or be the case that the mediator is spending more time with one party than the other. This time spent is helping the mediation progress and is often for the good of the party who may be feeling ignored. If you feel this way during your mediation please let the mediator know who can then explain what is happening. Please don't leave it until after the event to raise any concerns you may have.

what do I wear?

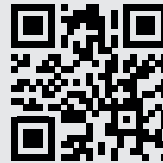
You may think it strange that we even mention what to wear in our guidance. We do think it can be quite important in certain circumstances. An example may be that each party is bringing a solicitor, barrister and trainee to the mediation day and a client wearing very casual clothes may feel intimidated by the suits. Each circumstance will be different so it may be worth asking the mediator or parties if you feel it appropriate.

Food!

Mediation days can be long and demanding. It may sound silly but, we strongly recommend you have a good breakfast and have something with you during the day if food has not been pre-ordered via the venue. Most venues will have tea, coffee and water available throughout the day but food normally needs to be pre-ordered. Please check if you can. Knowing where you can get a snack during the day will save valuable time and interruption. Most mediators will invite the parties to take a set lunch break but each mediator will have a personal style and approach so please go prepared.



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over 250
qualified mediators
and national coverage,
Clerksroom can help



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train as a mediator

Clerksroom Mediation does not offer training courses but we are happy to recommend the leading national training providers and offer advice and guidance on the process, costs and what happens after qualification. It is important to understand clearly what is involved, the costs and the likely volume of work available once you have undertaken the training. Our mediation clerks will also have information about upcoming courses which tend to be 5 days in length (40 hours).



One of our key strengths is being able to provide a solution at short notice. We are able to offer our services throughout the UK within a very short timescale, or we can work towards any deadline.

We can react to any situation as and when required.

If the parties prefer us to provide a mediator based on a specific “fixed” budget, we can offer suggestions. All we need to know is what you require.

If you need a venue, we can organise that for you at one of our venues where we have agreed rates.

Contact Clerksroom Mediation on **01823 247 247** anytime.

frequently asked questions

When should I mediate?

At any time you wish, irrespective of whether or not proceedings have been issued at Court or at what stage the dispute or Court proceedings may have reached.

Is offering to mediate a sign of weakness?

No – there is nothing to lose by offering to mediate even if you believe you have a strong case. Few lawyers would advise their clients that they are bound to win a Court case

Are mediators insured?

Yes – all Clerksroom mediators are insured.

Are mediators trained?

The mediator will be fully trained and accredited with current Civil Mediation Council standards.

Will I have to do anything I do not want to do?

No – the process of mediation is totally voluntary.

Who pays for the mediation?

Usually all sides of the dispute pay the mediation fee in equal proportions and it is normally paid in advance of the mediation.

Do I pay if the dispute does not settle?

Yes – the fee is paid for the mediator to facilitate the mediation regardless of the outcome. However, the majority of cases do settle though there can be no guarantee of success.

Who decides the outcome of the mediation?

The mediator does not decide the outcome – the decision making is left entirely to the parties involved. The mediator's role is to help the parties strike a deal which they are all happy with.

Can I leave a mediation?

Yes – at any time, although most mediators will ask you to give them a few minutes before you do so.

Does the mediator meet with the parties before the mediation?

Generally no – the first time the parties usually meet with the mediator will be on the day.

Will the mediator offer legal advice?

No – if you feel that you may need legal advice you should make your own arrangements beforehand. The mediator is an independent third party and must remain impartial and neutral and whilst you may have candid discussions with the mediator, no advice will be given.

frequently asked questions

Can I have a lawyer present?

Yes – if you wish. You may feel that your dispute is rather complex and that you would prefer legal advice throughout the mediation bearing in mind that the mediator cannot give any legal advice to the parties.

What happens if there is no agreement at the end of a mediation?

Mediation is not suitable for every case but it can still help to settle some of the issues in a dispute. All discussions during the mediation process are “without prejudice” – in other words, anything said in the mediation cannot be used later in Court or another legal action.

Can I recover the costs of mediation in a Court case?

Most judges will award the winning party the costs of litigation and if there has been a mediation it can be argued that the costs may be recoverable. Please note though, the cost rules are complicated and you should seek legal advice if you have any queries or concerns about this issue.

What is the Court's attitude towards mediation?

Courts encourage the use of mediation wherever appropriate and in certain cases can order some costs to be paid if a party has unreasonably refused to participate in mediation.

What is the Civil Mediation Council?

The Civil Mediation Council is an association of academics, professionals and providers in the field of mediation. The organisation encourages mediation as a way to settle your dispute. It also gives advice and guidance to the organisations that offer mediation.

How long does it take to organise a mediation?

This is normally down to the parties and how quickly they wish to proceed.

Will I need to send anything to the mediator?

Once a date has been agreed, the confirmation letter will provide more information about this. It is suggested that you bring sufficient copies of documents, photographs and/or any other relevant items along to the mediation should you wish to use them as part of your discussions.

Can I bring someone with me to the mediation?

This is entirely up to you. Out of Courtesy, please inform the mediator and the other parties who will be attending with you.

What is a stay?

If Court proceedings have been issued in relation to a dispute that the parties wish to mediate, the Court must be contacted and an application will need to be made to the judge to stay the proceedings. The order of stay basically puts the proceedings on hold for a specified period of time to allow the parties to reach settlement outside the Court process.

examples of **feedback**

"An excellent service overall and one I would strongly recommend"

Jo Moffat, Managing Director Woodreed

"Service provided by Clerksroom both good value and effective"

Christopher Dolton, Fulton Robertson

"This was the first time we have used you and we were very pleased with the service offered and with David Rawlinson as mediator"

Caroline Kean, Wiggin & Co.

"A thoroughly professional service"

Roger Cheves, Slee Blackwell

"The speed and efficiency of your service and the standing of names put forward was exemplary. Thank you".

Peter Kenyon

"Very happy with the service provided. Really good administrative staff"

Harold Michelmores & Co.

"Again, we have had a successful mediation through Clerksroom. Your team does not disappoint. Many thanks to Roger Hollings, our mediator, without whom settlement would not have been reached".

Sara Bryan, Burley Geach



Costs Resolution Service

Costs Resolution Service

Costs Resolution Services (CRS) is an informal alternative to costs disputes or formal mediation and provides another way of helping parties to settle costs disputes or issues that arise within them. Our costs experts are both highly experienced practitioners in this area of law and practice.

How it works:

- You are in dispute over legal costs or fees – maybe with your opponents or perhaps between clients and their own legal representatives.
- You don't know if you want to agree and settle, go to Court, mediate or get an expert evaluation. Maybe you simply want a second opinion, someone who can act as a devil's advocate or who can 'bang heads together'!
- You mutually agree with all parties to submit a summary to one of our independent experts. At no cost to you they will discuss with you and the other parties a mutually agreeable way forward.
- Once this is agreed, each party – including the independent costs expert, signs a confidentiality agreement.
- The costs of whichever route you choose are agreed beforehand and divided equally between the parties

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Our independent CRS team – made up of barristers, experienced costs lawyers and retired judges – can help facilitate settlement of costs disputes in a fraction of the time it would take to fully litigate them (and at a fraction of the cost).

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Independent Experts



Sue Nash:

Sue is an established, well respected independent costs expert and has been practicing in the field of legal costs for over 30 years. She has experience in most areas of legal costs with a particular specialism in group litigation. Sue is also a Senior Consultant with Elite Law Solicitors within their costs division and is a past chairman of the Association of Costs Lawyers (ACL).



Geoff Farmer:

Geoff is a well known and respected Costs Lawyer and Chartered Legal Executive and has been practicing in the field of legal costs for over 40 years. As well as being an independent expert he is currently a senior Costs Lawyer at The Medical Protection Society. Geoff is also an End Point Assessor for The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEX).



To contact one of our independent costs experts please telephone Lisa, Felicity or Holly on 01823 704 099 or email crs@clerksroom.com



Public Access

What is Public Access?

Since 2004, Public Access barristers have been permitted to represent their clients without requiring instructions from a solicitor in all Courts and tribunals in England and Wales; to advise and draft documentation in both contentious and non-contentious matters and carry out correspondence for their clients. The savings for the client in instructing a barrister directly can be significant and for many the experience has made them feel that they have maintained some control of their own case without handing over conduct of it completely. Solicitors have also found the public access scheme helpful by passing onto cases which are not cost effective to handle themselves on to the public access Bar. This ensures excellent client goodwill for the solicitor and financial savings for the client.

The simple things

At Clerksroom Direct, we like to keep things simple. At the root of our recent success lies our capacity to make life easier for everyone that we deal with. This does not only apply to lay clients looking for public access barristers; it also applies to the 27,000 solicitors within our professional network. Believe it or not, a relatively high percentage of prospective clients do not even understand the difference between solicitors and barristers when they first contact us; it is our mission to help them find their way and to ensure that their interests are looked after which can mean referring them to a friendly and trusted firm of solicitors or, where appropriate, to a public access barrister.

Client Feedback:



I have to say that I continue to be impressed with the Clerksroom Direct service and I am extremely pleased that Rebecca Hodgkin is so attentive, thorough and a pleasure to deal with.

Jim Cozens (*intermediary*)

A great service, extended

Our solicitor contacts can benefit from pointing clients towards our service if the decision to instruct a barrister through public access ever becomes the right choice for the client. A number of solicitors' firms within our network already recommend Clerksroom Direct to their clients in such circumstances. Their feedback tells us that they really benefit from having the option to offer continuity of service and support to their clients by passing them over to us, rather than closing their file, shaking their hand and wishing them good luck as they step blindly forwards into the legal services jungle. Around 40% of our case load currently comes to us through solicitor referral.

A growing network

Since Clerksroom Direct was born, the team have successfully assisted over 10,000 lay clients by putting them in touch with public access barristers for advice or representation. Our network of barristers has grown to over 1000 and we have worked with over 250 chambers on a national basis. The collective expertise within the network of barristers registered with Clerksroom Direct enables us to offer cover for all areas of practice and all of the Court centres in the country. We believe this makes us better-placed than anyone else to find suitable counsel for public access clients when the need arises - if anyone can, we can!

www.clerksroomdirect.com
for public access enquiries

Quid Pro Quo

The dynamic of our business model allows for a reciprocal return to law firms too; we are frequently contacted by clients whose cases demand the professional support and management of a solicitor. In those instances, we like to put the client in touch with trusted solicitors who we know will provide them a great service going forwards.

The Clerksroom Direct team:

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Jake Ward - *Public Access Clerk*

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Public Access

Marketing partnerships

Clerksroom Direct is a complete, end to end, online administration system for members of the public, in-house lawyers or business clients to gain access to and obtain quotes from specialist public access qualified barristers across all areas of practice. Marketing partners work with us to direct clients to our online portal.

Barristers Chambers and solicitors' firms can also become partners with Clerksroom Direct. Barristers Chambers and solicitors' firms can use the portal to pass on enquiries they have generated through their own marketing events, website, materials and generate income through the sharing of our administration fee for using the portal.

Solicitors firms can become partners and generate new income from marketing that has produced enquiries that the firm is unable to service. Passing on unwanted

enquiries that are suitable for barristers to deal with directly will generate income based on 50% of the administration fee. Average spend for a public access client is £750 + VAT to £1,000 + VAT in our experience but it can vary greatly depending on the nature of the enquiry. Based on a 50% split of the administration fee payable, the average marketing fee generated is therefore between £37.50 and £50. Setting up an account is completely free.

If you would like to become a partner, please download our marketing agreement from our website or call Rory or Sam on 01823 704 095

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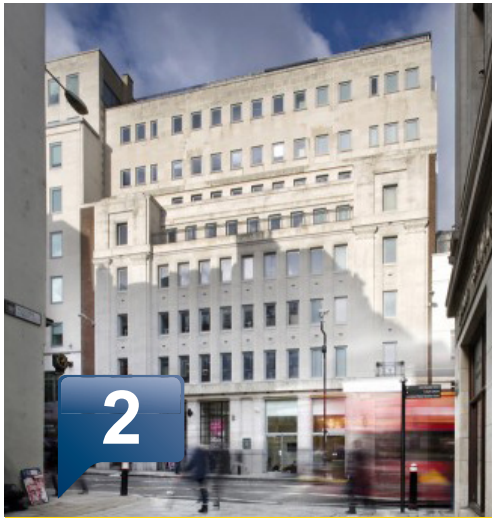
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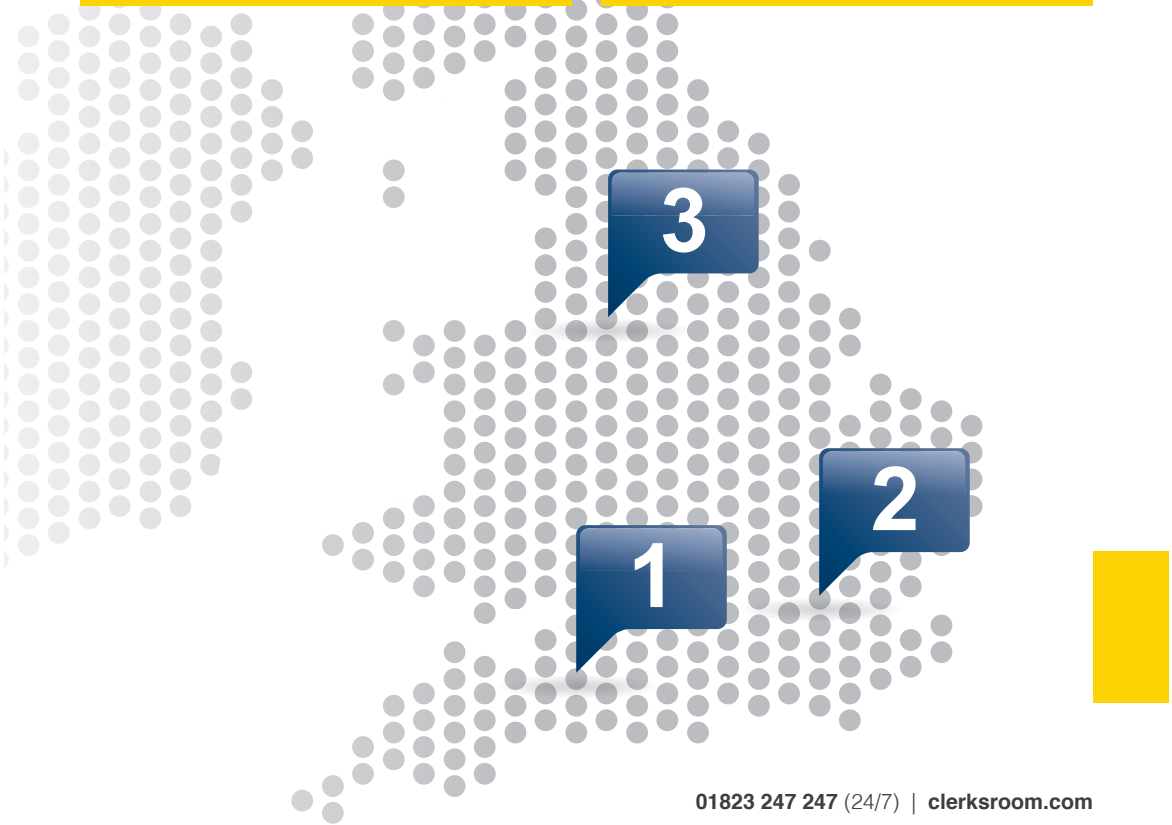
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160 Fleet Street is the home to many legal and legal related companies so there is always opportunity to meet people and network in a funky but practical environment.

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Key Information



Manager

Our “man on the ground” is **Martin Poulter** of Chambers People. Martin is located in suite 209 on the 2nd floor, access is via a key fob, or you can use the intercom to call the suite.

Martin and his team will deal with issues such as DX, keys, booking meeting rooms, facilities and related issues. Martin and his team are also happy to help with practical problems like dropping a letter into the high Court/rolls building or urgent local matters arising.

Chambers People office number is **0207 583 2401** and Martin’s mobile is **07947 242325**.



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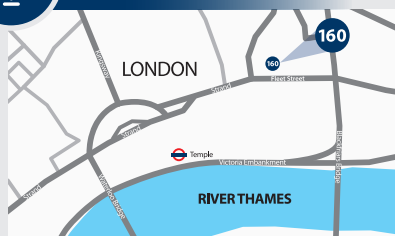


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Couriers

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Toilets

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Security

The building has 24/7 security



Café

The in-house café is called Java Java and serves a wide range of teas and coffee's together with breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the day.



Gym

The building has a fully equipped gym which is available free to members. Access to the gym is via your building key fob which is activated when you sign the gym disclaimer form which is available from reception.



Showers

Showers and changing rooms are available in the gym complex.



Commitment

We require a 3 month commitment to issue keys. Charges are paid by standing order on the 1st of the month in advance upon issue of keys. A simple contract is signed with a 3 month rolling notice period. When the contract is signed, keys are issued.



Costs

How much does all this cost?

We are offering a no-nonsense, fixed fee price of **£100 + VAT per user, per month** for full use of the facilities.

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5. Clerksroom (London) – 160 Fleet Street address
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7. PC's with Office 365 login
8. Key fob for main entrance with 24/7 access, a physical key for suite G.04
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1. **Is there parking available?** No. There is no on-site parking. Middle Temple offer car parking for a daily fee and is only a short stroll.
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4. **Is the address registered with the Bar Standards Board as a Barristers Chambers?** Yes. Clerksroom (London) is an official annex of Clerksroom HQ and has been registered with the BSB as a practice address.
5. **Can I have my own personal room with my own key to my personal space?** Yes. Various room sizes are available. Speak to the building reception or view available space at <https://www.workspace.co.uk/workspaces/fleet-street/spaces>

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Introduction

Our new facilities are now open and available at 129 Deansgate, right in the heart of Legal Manchester. The offices are modern, vibrant and always busy with lawyers coming and going 24/7.

129 Deansgate is the home to many legal and legal related companies so there is always opportunity to meet people and network in a funky but practical environment.

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Stephen Ward - Managing Director
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The Building

One Twenty Nine Deansgate has been immaculately refurbished and expertly redesigned to create a bustling business centre, within a stunning building.

Close to the Courts and a 5 minute stroll from Deansgate station, modern and bright offices in a great location, we have the perfect space to look after your practice needs.

High-spec and bookable meeting rooms are available along with a coworking lounge, and with such easy access to the cafes, shops and all that Manchester has to offer we know you'll love the vibrant and dynamic feel.

Key Information



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Our "key contact" is **Donna Street**.

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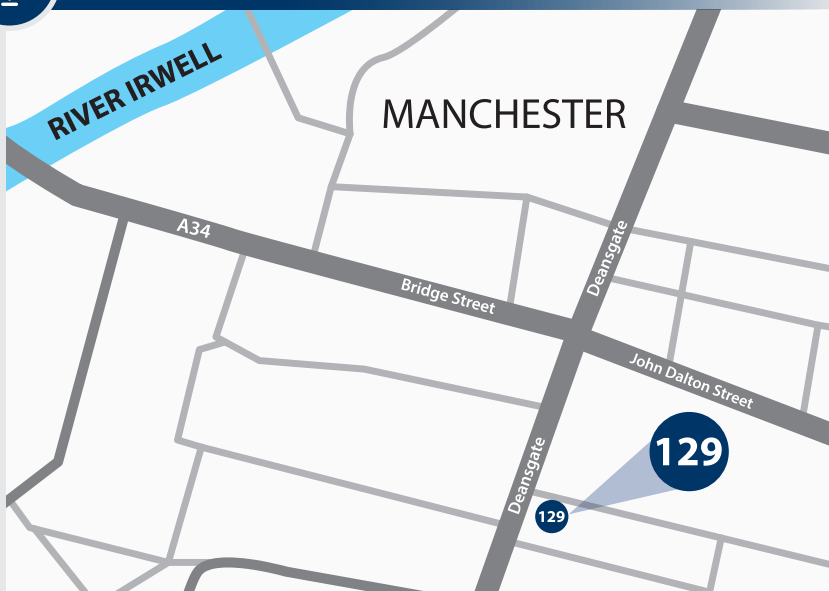


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Suite 115
129 Deansgate
Manchester M3 3WR



Map





Access

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Keys

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Post

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Couriers

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Toilets

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Security

The building has 24/7 security



Refreshments

Tea, Coffee & Water together with a selection of other refreshments are available from the kitchen area and available to all users of our suite.



Showers

Showers and changing room are available in the building.



Commitment

We require a 3 month commitment to issue keys. Charges are paid by direct debit on the 1st of the month in advance upon issue of keys. A simple contract is signed with a 3 month rolling notice period. When the contract is signed, keys are issued.



Costs

How much does all this cost?

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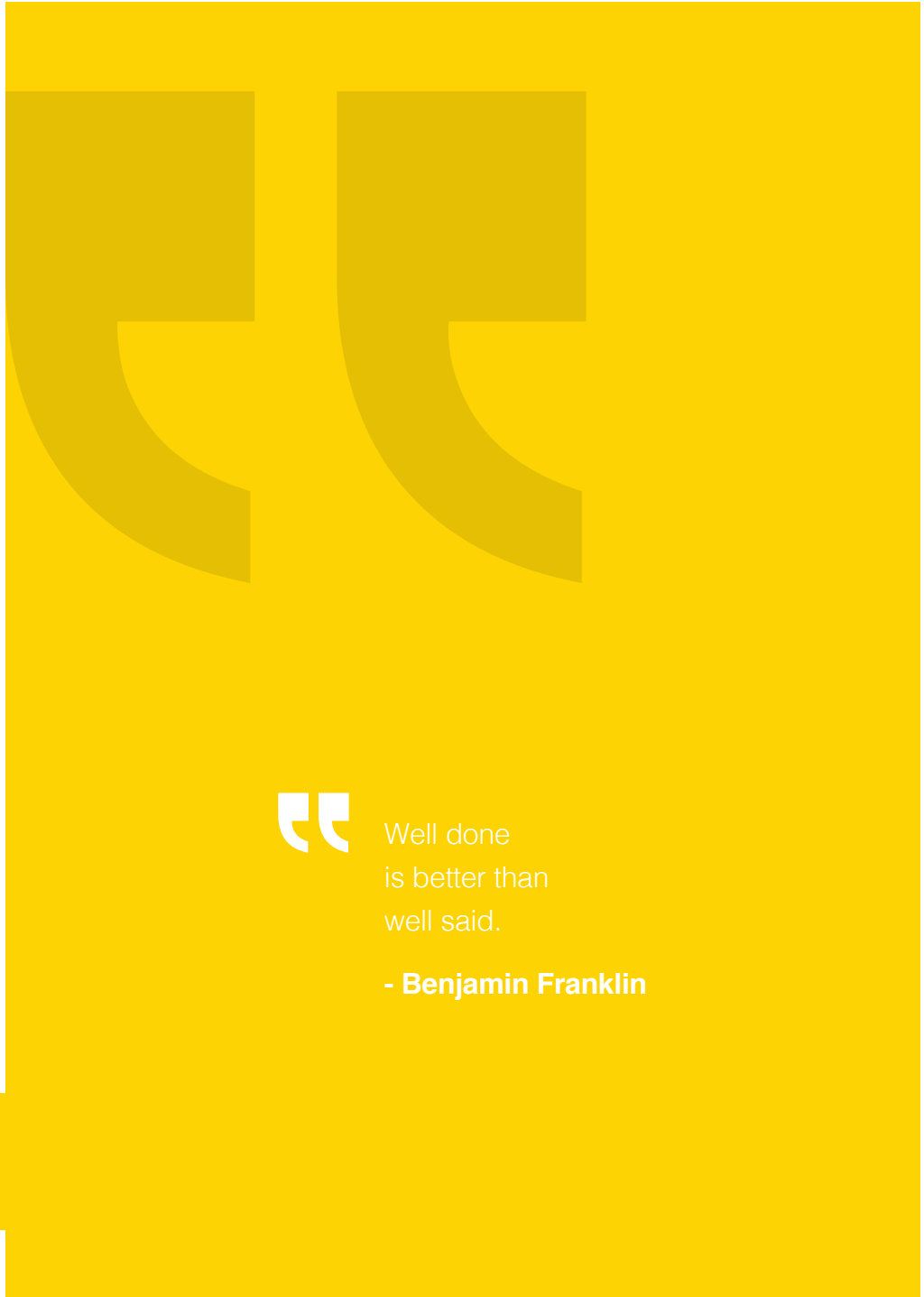
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1. **Is there parking available?** No.
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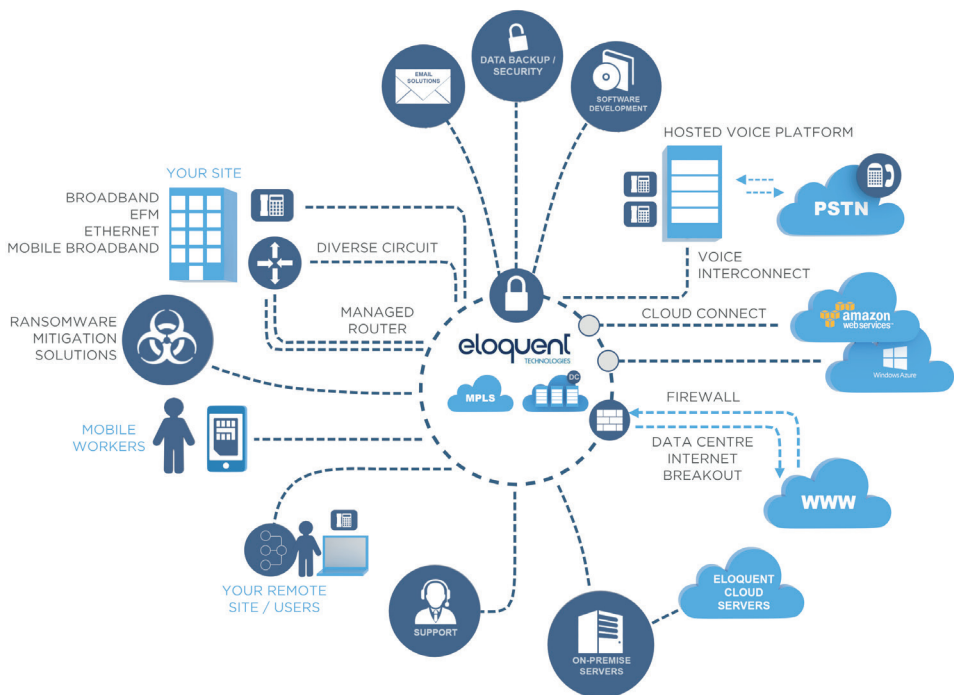
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