

Graham Smith

General Information

Graham is an experienced advocate who has a broad civil practice encompassing commercial and consumer contracts, land and property, wills and trusts, cryptoassets, family finance and personal injury. He is based in the home counties and regularly appears in courts throughout the country in all types of hearing from applications to multi-track trials. Graham is also able to help with drafting pleadings, applications, representation at mediation and negotiations. He is a formidable witness handler with an exceptional eye for detail.

Graham is a barrister who is able to offer clear and constructive advice to help individuals and businesses to manage their legal issues in a cost-effective and expedient manner. He prides himself on having an approachable demeanour and taking a personalised approach to each case.

As well as his work as a barrister, he has extensive experience in related areas. He was a non-executive director for NHS Bucks CCG for 8 years where he chaired a number of panels; including carrying out quasi-judicial functions whilst sitting on the Individual Funding Request Panel.

Commercial

Graham has a busy commercial and company law practice. He accepts instructions to provide advice, drafting and representation from businesses, owners, directors and lay individual clients on all aspects of commercial litigation and dispute resolution. Graham is able to assist with company, partnership and shareholder disputes, debt recovery, contractual disputes, insolvency, bankruptcy and professional negligence. He is routinely instructed to assist clients with obtaining and defending all manner of commercial injunctions before the High Court.

Land and Property Law

Graham accepts instructions in relation to a variety of property and land law disputes and has a particular expertise in commercial landlord and tenant, residential landlord and tenant, land registration, adverse possession, leasehold extension, business tenancy renewal, boundary disputes, easements, covenants, injunctions, unlawful eviction, section 8 and 21 notices and disrepair. Graham also offers experience of contractual disputes between builders, contractors and clients.

Cryptoassets

Graham is now able to take instructions in relation to asset recovery in relation to stolen non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and cryptocurrency. Graham can assist by making applications for interim injunctions for worldwide and domestic freezing orders. Graham can also offer non-contentious advice in relation to contractual and consumer law and provide regulatory advice on how to best conduct cryptoasset activity in the UK.

Family Finance

Graham is happy to be instructed in all areas of matrimonial finance, whether it is a first directions appointment, FDR or a multi-day hearing. Graham offers experience of financial settlement proceedings involving complex assets held in business and property, including those held overseas. He deals with cases featuring disputes relating to pensions and inheritance. Graham accepts instructions from parties looking to intervene in proceedings due to them having a beneficial interest in the assets involved in the case (usually property). He is very much driven to reach settlement at the earliest opportunity and has a proven track record of achieving desirable outcomes for his clients.

Wills, Trusts and Probate

Graham has developed a practice that can assist in disputes relating to breach of trust, rectification of wills, removal of executors and trustees, validity and construction of wills, proprietary estoppel and constructive trust claims.

Consumer Credit

Graham has vast experience dealing with consumer credit claims against banks and other lending institutions. He is well versed in the area of s.140A Consumer Credit Act and has a particular expertise in respect of mis-sold insurance policies, bridging loans and all other areas of consumer finance.

Personal Injury

Graham has vast experience in assisting both claimants and defendants in a wide range of personal injury claims, in relation to RTAs, occupier's liability, employer's liability and defective premises.

Areas of law

- Commercial Litigation
- Contractual Disputes, including breach of contract, bankruptcy and debt recovery
- Land & Property Law, including Landlord & Tenant disputes
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- Trust, Wills and Probate
- Divorce & Financial Settlement
- Personal Injury

Education

- Bar Vocational Course, BPP Law School
- FSA Financial Regulation (Level 3), CISI
- Bachelor of Law, LLB, Bournemouth University

Personal Interests

When not in court, Graham enjoys spending time with his three children, travelling, reading and playing golf. Graham is also a property developer and a private landlord.

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