

3PB Barrister Profile



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Academic Qualifications

BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics, St Peter's College, Oxford

MPhil International Relations, St Antony's College, Oxford

Graduate Diploma in Law, College of Law Bar Vocational Course, College of Law

Business & Commercial Law

Chris has a broad commercial law practice, advising and acting on behalf of claimants and defendants, as well as drafting related pleadings.

Contractual disputes

Chris has acted in numerous diverse contractual disputes, including:

- Defective products;
- Holiday claims;
- Motor racing contracts;
- Negligent provision of telecommunication services;
- Plant Hire;
- Pensions;
- General contract disputes

Indicative Cases

Odeyumi v Stagecoach Southwestern Trains Limited v Pakex (UK) Limited v Teknik Office Limited [2011]

Four party multi-day case arising out of personal injury caused by a chair collapsing. Whether product was defective or collapse of chair was caused by misuse or overuse. Interpretation of Sale of Goods Act 1979. Whether claim for indemnity or contribution included penal interest under Part 36.

Russell Racing Limited v DeGraaff Trailers Limited [2011]

Application for security for costs. Whether After the Event Insurance under a Conditional Fee Arrangement sufficient to obviate security for costs when personal guarantee also offered. Consideration of terms of ATE insurance contract. *Michael Phillips Architects Ltd v Riklin and another* [2010] EWHC 834 (TCC).

Credit Hire

Chris is highly experienced in the field of credit hire, having acted for both Claimants and Defendants, and has successfully dealt with cases where liability is in dispute. He also has particular experience in the application of the Cancellation of Contracts made in a Consumer's Home or Place of Work etc Regulations 2008 (Doorstep Selling Regulations), and the enforceability of credit hire contracts against minors.

Indicative Cases

Taylor v Groupama Insurance [2011]

Impact of Consumer's Home or Place of Work etc Regulations 2008 on credit hire contract. Whether cancellation clause in credit hire contract was similar to a cancellable agreement under the Consumer Credit Act 1974, and the contract accordingly exempt under Regulation 6(1)(c).

Staff v TNT [2010]

Contested Liability. Whether oral contract had been agreed prior to signing, agreeing to Hirer's standard terms and conditions.

Consumer Credit

Chris has acted for companies in the recovery of debts incurred under consumer credit contracts, including acting against litigants in person and claims advisors.

Indicative Cases

British Credit Trust v Steed [2010]

Recovery of sports car purchased through credit hire. Litigant in person.

Corporate and personal insolvency

Chris has acted in the following areas of insolvency;

- Winding Up Petitions;
- Bankruptcy Petitions;
- Restoration of Companies to the Register.

Indicative Cases

Howard Holdings ([Irish Independent](#), 26 April 2009)

Obtention of carriage of Winding Up Petition against debtor company's objection.

Professional Bodies

- Chancery Bar Association