

3PB Barrister Profile



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Academic Qualifications

MA (Cantab), LLB (Cantab)

Michael Norman is a civil practitioner and he works within the disciplines covered by the Property & Chancery Group, the Business & Commercial Law Group and the Technology & Construction Group.

Over a long career at the Bar he has had even broader experience but tends now to specialise in these three fields.

He has an extensive advisory and drafting practice, appears regularly in the High Court and the Court of Appeal in addition to the County Court. He is an experienced and accomplished representative at Alternative Dispute Resolution procedures, particularly mediation. In his experience many cases settle at the stage of mediation

Once involved in a case, he takes care to work with his instructing solicitors to keep the clients involved and informed at every stage. He believes in the central importance of preparation and the careful production of effective skeleton arguments and background documents. If a dispute reaches Court, he protects the client's interest unflinchingly and resolutely but with courtesy.

Some notable recent cases

Churchill Insurance v Charlton [2001] 3 W.L.R. 1435 (CA)

meaning of word 'accident' in a motorcar insurance policy.

Flowermix Ltd v Site Development (Ferndown) Ltd Lawtel Ref: AC7200988

- proprietary estoppel operating to convey land not formally conveyed by conveyance.

Miller v The Law Society [2002] 4 All E.R. 312

- Role of private law duty of care in Law Society Investigation.

Minton v Minton [1979] AC 593

- for many years leading case on clean break in matrimonial ancillary relief.

Ward Evans Financial Services Ltd. v Fox and Phillips (2002) IRLR 120 (CA).

Whether employees owning a dormant company intending it to operate when they left their employment were in breach of a trust and confidence agreement.

Worldwide Corporation Ltd v Marconi - Lawtel Ref: AC0791188

- claim to enforce agency agreement in relation to the predicted reconstruction of Iraq following the 1991 Gulf War.

Professional Qualifications and Appointments

- Accredited Mediation Advocate
- Recorder

Professional Bodies

- Chancery Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)