



Richard Tetlow

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Appointments

- Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel A)

Memberships

- Northern Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- Northern Circuit

Education

- Shrewsbury School, 1997-2002
- MA (Cantab), Law, Downing College, Cambridge (II.i, 2002-2005)
- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law (Very Competent, 2005-2006)
- Jules Thorne Scholarship, Middle Temple, 2005
- Pupillage, 8 King Street, Manchester, 2006-2007 (tenancy 2007 – joined Exchange Chambers in 2008)
- Junior of the Northern Circuit, 2009

Commercial Fraud

Richard is an experienced junior in the Commercial and Insolvency departments, with extensive experience of acting in an advisory capacity or as an advocate, of matters relating to commercial fraud.

Richard is listed as a Leading Individual in Chambers & Partners in Commercial Dispute Resolution and Restructuring/Insolvency, and a Leading Junior in The Legal 500 in Company and Insolvency.

He has been variously described as:

- “He is very good on his feet. He is careful and well prepared, and he has a manner that clients can gel with.” “He’s very persuasive in front of a judge and very good at spotting unusual points.” “He is very approachable and very user-friendly.” (**Chambers and Partners 2021**)
- “Good to work with. Team player. Nothing too much trouble. Reliable and hard working.” (**The Legal 500 2021**)
- “Very diligent and always well prepared.” (**Chambers and Partners 2020**)
- a “talented junior with a burgeoning reputation, who handles a wide variety of commercial disputes including company, contractual and insolvency-related matters”, having “exactly the right attitude” and being an “extremely able and user-friendly junior – he is very much a safe pair of hands on all things chancery, commercial and insolvency related.” (**Chambers and Partners 2019**)
- “a future star who is particularly good at cross-examination” (**Chambers and Partners 2018**)

Richard is Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional A Panel) and, as such, instructed regularly in cases involving breaches of directors’ duties, public interest winding up petitions and directors’ disqualification proceedings.

More particularly:

- Richard is regularly instructed in company and insolvency proceedings involving commercial fraud, whether in relation to voidable transactions, breaches of directors' duties, or otherwise.
- Richard is regularly instructed in unfair prejudice petitions and partnership disputes where allegations of fraud are raised;
- Richard is regularly instructed in cases where there are allegations of breaches or trust or other economic torts, including cases of deceit, conspiracy and the like, as well as claims involving unjust enrichment, asset tracing and accessory liability;
- Richard has experience of contempt of Court proceedings in the High Court, and of dealing with injunctions of all kinds.

Commercial Fraud Cases

Recent and relevant cases include:

Absolute Living Developments Ltd v DS7 Ltd and others [2018] EWHC 1717 (Ch) & [2018] EWHC 1432 (Ch) – being led by David Mohyuddin QC in a case involving allegations of de facto and shadow directorship and largescale fraud amounting to £14,000,000 generally, and in two reported decisions relating to contempt of Court and security for costs as against a liquidator. Richard was further involved in drafting appeal papers to the Court of Appeal in the matter

B v AC & Others – ongoing case involving acting for one of numerous Defendants in a High Court action brought by the Claimants for over £250,000 arising from allegations of fraud and breach of trust as a result of the improper sale of vehicles.

PS v B & Others – acting for receivers of numerous properties comprising hotels in London in an action to seek a validation order for the intended sale of those hotels for a sum in excess of £15,000,000 in the face of opposition from the debtor.

Montpellier Estates Limited v Leeds City Council [2013] EWHC 166 QB – assisting generally in the preparation of and dealing with various interlocutory hearings in the successful defence of a multi-million pound deceit claim made against the Council

Autofocus Limited/Accident Exchange Limited litigation – 2012-13 – assisting in the appeals in numerous cases arising from the fraudulent manufacturing of “expert” evidence in credit hire cases causing multi-million pound losses

MacMillan v Manning (2017) – successful defence of a multi-day trial for misfeasance

Recommendations

“Richard is very easy to work with and gives good, commercial advice.”

“Richard is a very good team player and hard-working. He is an excellent junior.”

“We were extremely impressed with Richard’s attention to detail and with his advocacy.”

Chambers and Partners 2024

“Richard is technically excellent whilst also commercially minded. He impresses clients with a confident but courteous courtroom approach, and he is both meticulous and efficient in drafting pleadings.”

The Legal 500 2024

“Richard’s drafting is excellent.”

“He has a sharp mind and gets to the nub of the issue quickly. He develops a good rapport with clients.”

Chambers and Partners 2023

“Richard is commercial in his approach, delivers clear advice and builds a good rapport with clients, which in turn provides them with confidence.”

“Richard is very thorough with excellent attention to detail. He is great with clients, calm and unflappable on his feet.”

The Legal 500 2023

“I look at his style with envy; he is a superb advocate.”

“He has a magical vision to find ways through difficult cases and pathways to resolutions that others don’t see.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“The qualities Richard has are undoubtedly attention to detail and quality of the work produced. He is also prepared to roll up his sleeves and fight the client’s corner as an advocate if required. The service he provides is however delivered with an overarching commercialism and he gives it to you straight. He would never leave you in any doubt as to the strengths or weakness of a particular point.”

The Legal 500 2022

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Chambers and Partners 2019

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“He is very efficient, pleasant to deal with and knows his stuff.”

Chambers and Partners 2018