

Graham Platford

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Profile

Graham focuses mainly on commercial matters but continues to find that his clients' problems require knowledge gained from his early practice across a broad spectrum. In consequence, he has not confined his practice closely and brings great breadth of understanding and knowledgeable analysis to all his work.

He is familiar with courts at all levels, various tribunals, arbitration, adjudication, enquiries and mediation. He is noted for his speedy service and approachability, including by direct access in suitable cases.

He believes he learned more about litigation (notably from the litigant's point of view) and trial advocacy (particularly how to cross-examine and how not to) in the five days he spent in court as successful defendant in a claim of professional negligence (*McFaddens v Graham Platford* [2009] PNL R 26).

Description of Practice

Graham Platford's recent work includes advising and acting for:

- solicitors and clients in actions against solicitors for damages for negligence and proprietary remedies in sale and purchase of interests in land, sale and purchase of businesses, probate, financial services, family arrangements and litigation
- individuals and companies in actions against accountants, architects, financial advisers, insurance brokers and agents, structural engineers, surveyors, valuers
- purchasers of companies and businesses claiming damages for misrepresentation and breach of warranty
- partners in partnership disputes
- individuals and companies in joint venture disputes
- shareholders in disputes with other shareholders
- individuals and companies in disputes with banks and finance houses
- guarantors and creditors in claims on guarantees
- individuals and companies claiming against banks for breach of contract and breach

of duty

- companies and individuals in contractual disputes
- employers, contractors, and subcontractors in building disputes
- economic operators in public procurement disputes
- individuals and companies in disputes with insurers
- employers and purchasers and vendors of business in disputes about restrictive covenants and abuse of confidential information
- a builder / developer in disputes with purchasers, their management company and their conveyancing solicitors
- individuals resisting claims of proprietary estoppel and unjust enrichment

Qualifications

Nottingham University: BA in law, economics and psychology.

Important Cases

Graham Platford read the Supreme Court judgment in FHR European Ventures LLP v Cedar Capital Partners [2015] AC 250 with mixed feelings: pleased that in Page v Hewetts his unsuccessful submissions to the Master and Judge were correct but sad that his clients' appeal to the Court of Appeal was settled before the FHR European Ventures case reached the Court of Appeal.

Mediation

Graham has acted for clients in mediations in a wide variety of proceedings.

Professional Memberships

Graham Platford is a member of the Commercial Bar Association, the London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association and the Professional Negligence Bar Association.

Pro Bono and Charity Activities

Of particular interest to Graham is his local church community (he is a member of his parochial church council) and the parish church (he is a trustee of the church building trust).

Social Media

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