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Oliver Hutchings



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PROFILE

Oliver joined Five Paper as a tenant in October 2025 following the successful completion of his pupillage. He has a broad practice covering all of Chambers' practice areas and is regularly instructed in relation to social housing, landlord and tenant, insolvency and commercial matters.

Prior to joining Chambers, Oliver was a Legal Assistant at the Law Commission of England and Wales. He contributed to the drafting of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 with his work encompassing leasehold enfranchisement and Right to Manage claims. Alongside this role, Oliver completed the Bar Course, acted pro bono with FRU, and volunteered with Advocate.

Oliver is known for his careful preparation, attention to detail, and ability to present complex legal issues clearly and effectively. He has appeared in the County Court, High Court and the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber).

EXPERTISE

Property and Housing

Oliver has a busy and developing practice in property and housing law with particular experience in social housing and landlord and tenant matters.

He is regularly instructed by local authorities, housing associations, and private landlords for matters involving:

- Possession proceedings
- Anti-social behaviour injunctions
- Committal and contempt of court proceedings
- Disrepair claims
- Equality Act defences
- Suspected issues of capacity
- Unauthorised alterations
- Unlawful subletting
- Access injunctions
- Leasehold management and service charge disputes
- Right to Manage claims
- EPA proceedings
- Private nuisance
- Homelessness appeals

He is experienced in handling a broad range of property law matters and offers clear, pragmatic advice while maintaining a client-focused and personable approach.

Commercial and Insolvency

Oliver accepts instructions across a range of commercial and insolvency matters and is building his practice in line with Chambers' Commercial Division.

His adversarial and advisory experience includes:

- Winding-up petitions
- Bankruptcy petitions
- Applications to set aside statutory demands
- Administration applications
- Office-holder claims
- Shareholder disputes
- General contractual disputes

Oliver is accustomed to dealing with matters involving both individuals and corporate entities. He brings a practical and commercially focused approach to dispute resolution.

FURTHER INFO

Education And Qualifications

- LLB Law with Honours, University of Exeter (2020): First
- Bar Course, Inns of Court College of Advocacy (2024): Merit

Awards And Scholarships

- Churchill Fellow, The Churchill Fellowship (2023)
- Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln’s Inn (2021)
- Dean’s Commendation for Exceptional Performance, University of Exeter (2020)
- Finalist, University of Exeter Moot Court Competition (2020)
- Winner, Michelmores’ Land Law Prize (2019)

Memberships

- Social Housing Law Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- R3 Association of Business Recovery Professionals
- Property Bar Association

Publications

Co-author, ‘A new lease of life: residential leasehold and commonhold reform’ (Property in Practice, 17 November 2020) click here to see the publication

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