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He's a wonderful, steady pair of hands who always remains calm.

- Chambers & Partners

Charles Phipps has a particular interest in disputes relating to obligations of confidentiality (including legal professional privilege) and is the co-author, with the late Lord Toulson, of Confidentiality (3rd edition, Sweet & Maxwell, 2012).

He specialises in professional liability claims involving lawyers, accountants and auditors, financial services professionals, insolvency practitioners, surveyors and valuers, construction professionals and insurance brokers, and is also instructed in more general chancery and commercial litigation.

He has been rated for many years by both Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500 in the Professional Negligence section. The Directories have described him in the following terms: “...attracts particular praise for his knowledge of financial disputes”; “Very good at the detail, and embraces the larger, more complex problems”; “Charles Phipps ... is regarded by many as something of an unsung hero of the Professional Negligence Bar. Clients say he is ‘unbelievably clever and hard-working...’. He has had great success in high-value claims relating to a number of professions.” “Renowned for his incredible intellect, Charles Phipps has a ‘wonderfully analytical brain’ that lends itself to handling complex cases”. He “has ‘an amazing ability to grasp a large volume of detail, quick turnaround on papers and a sensible approach to difficult legal issues’...”

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Areas of Expertise

Commercial Dispute Resolution

Charles is regularly retained in disputes of a general contractual nature, leading to mediation, arbitration or litigation. He is familiar with freezing injunctions and other forms of urgent interim relief. He is the co-author, with Sir Roger Toulson, of *Confidentiality* (Sweet & Maxwell, 3rd edition, 2012) and takes a particular interest in claims for breach of confidence. Claims in which he has been instructed include:

- sale of goods disputes;
- advice in respect of statutory, contractual and equitable confidentiality obligations arising in the context of litigation relating to companies engaged in the nuclear industry;
- advice to a local council as to the confidentiality obligations imposed by a settlement agreement entered into with building contractors;



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- advice as to jurisdictional and other issues in respect of the cross-border transfer of confidential information;
- arbitration/litigation over the proper construction of oil exploration contracts.

Qualifications & Memberships

M.A. (Oxon.) (Literae humaniores, First class) Dip Law (City)

Publications

Solicitors' Practices and Subject Access Requests

3 May 2018

Following the implementation of the GDPR, subject access requests of solicitors are likely to become more common. The requests can raise a whole host of difficult issues, which can be time-consuming and costly to resolve. Ben Elkington QC and Charles Phipps of 4 New Square examine:

Confidentiality

31 December 2012

Co-author with Lord Toulson