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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’...”

### Privacy Policy

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## Areas of Expertise

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### Chancery

Charles is regularly instructed to appear in the Chancery Division, in cases which may or may not involve allegations of professional fault. As the co-author, with Sir Roger Toulson, of *Confidentiality* (Sweet & Maxwell, 3rd edition, 2012), he takes a particular interest in the equitable principle of confidentiality. Cases in which he has been instructed have included:

- disputes over the subrogation rights of secured lenders (eg, *Menelaou v Bank of Cyprus* [2012] EWHC 1991 Ch)
- advice on confidentiality issues arising in the context of corporate acquisitions;
- partnership disputes;
- applications for minority shareholders’ relief;
- trustees’ liability claims;
- claims against directors under the Insolvency Act 1986



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- contested insolvency proceedings;
- disputes over the validity of deeds;
- an application by a firm of solicitors to restrain the further use of accidentally disclosed privileged information relating to the firm's clients;
- advice as to obligations of confidentiality arising in the context of disciplinary hearings before the General Medical Council;
- advice as to the confidentiality and data protection obligations arising on the creation of a national database for combating fraud.

## Qualifications & Memberships

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

## Publications

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### 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