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A talented, level-headed and hard-working barrister who gives plain, direct advice

- Chambers & Partners

Christopher Greenwood specialises in professional liability, insurance, mortgage and banking litigation, and construction and engineering disputes with a professional liability angle. He is also actively developing his practice in sports work.

"He stood out in a complex accountants' tax mitigation scheme matter. He's got a real understanding of the underlying tax matters, and produces very thorough written advice. He's excellent in conference and is a real team player" – *Chambers & Partners, 2021.*

"A very tenacious opponent" – *Chambers & Partners, 2021.*

"Extremely detailed in his advice, both in writing and in conference. His particulars of claim are comprehensive and miss no point. He is extremely empathetic with clients and able to build rapport. His service to solicitors is excellent" – *Legal 500, 2021.*

"A talented, level-headed and hard-working barrister" who "gives plain, direct advice" – *Chambers & Partners, 2020.*

"A really skilled strategist and a valuable team player" – *Legal 500, 2020.*

"He is very hardworking and clever, with a great legal mind" - *Legal 500, 2019.*

Chris is ranked as a leading professional negligence junior by both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500, and is frequently instructed in significant High Court claims. Those instructions have most recently included, in 2020, acting as sole counsel on behalf of financial advisers in *Ingenious Litigation* [2020] EWHC 235 (Ch), concerning film schemes, and (led by Neil Hext QC) the 'test case' of *Jago v Mortgage4YouLtd* [2019] EWHC 533 (QB), concerning mortgage brokers' duties in respect of interest-only mortgages.

Chris has also been involved in several high profile professional liability disputes in recent years, including (led by Justin Fenwick QC and Graham Chapman QC) *Gemini (Eclipse 2006-3) Plc v CBRE Limited and Warwick Street (KS) LLP*, a lender claim for damages in excess of £230m named in The Lawyer's 'Top 20 Cases of 2016', and (led by Graham Chapman QC) the series of claims beginning with *Halsall v Champion Consulting Ltd & Ors* [2017] PNLR 32, now a leading case on accountants' liability in respect of tax avoidance schemes.

Since, 2019, Chris has also been instructed in various unreported High Court claims. These include claims against tax advisers and financial advisers concerning remuneration trusts, film schemes and the CWMFX forex fund, numerous claims against insurance



brokers, solicitors and construction professionals, and (led by Jamie Smith QC) a high value claim brought by the landlord of a large agricultural property against a leading national firm of surveyors and property managers. He also appeared as sole counsel in the successful defence of a £10m claim against an insolvency professional.

In mortgage and banking litigation, Chris frequently acts as sole counsel for lenders in commercial and higher value residential matters, including claims concerning alleged interest rate hedging products, and was formerly part of the team acting for RBS in *Property Alliance Group v RBS*. And in construction, Chris is currently instructed on two large claims concerning commercial property, including acting on behalf of the insurers of a British multinational construction company which recently entered into liquidation, concerning the windows of a large skyscraper in Manchester, and acting on behalf of main contractors in a multi-million pound dispute concerning defective design and engineering of a retractable seating system.

Immediately before joining 4 New Square, Chris spent 6 months at the Court of Appeal, working as a Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Mummery and Lord Justice Rix.

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Areas of Expertise

Commercial

Chris has a growing practice acting in commercial contractual disputes, particularly in respect of share purchase agreements, commercial agency agreements and compromise agreements. Chris also has experience of bailment, carriage, sale of goods, commercial advisory services, and web hosting contracts.

In addition, a large portion of Chris' broader practice is commercial in nature, ranging from banking litigation to professional liability actions by corporate entities. Details of this work may be found under the relevant tabs.

Cases

- **SPA dispute in respect of tax warranties and covenants**
Acting on behalf of the purchasers in respect of a claim under various covenants and warranties, and for misrepresentation, under a share purchase agreement. The claim concerned the company's pre-sale tax position, and the company's income tax and NIC liability in respect of employee incentivisation schemes and gifts of shares prior to sale.
- **SPA dispute in respect of the valuation of WIP, outstanding debts and existing clients**
Acting on behalf of the seller in respect of a claim for misrepresentation. The claim concerned the valuation of the company's work in progress, outstanding and bad debts, and the accuracy of lists of 'existing clients' provided prior to the purchase
- **Claim by underwriter against Lloyd's broker pursuant to broker agency agreement**
Acting on behalf of a Lloyd's broker defending a claim by an underwriter for payment under a broker agency agreement, concerning a policy which had incepted, but for which the insured had failed to pay premium instalments.
- **Claim by supply worker against recruitment agency**
Acting on behalf of a recruitment and employment agency defending a claim by a former supply teacher for outstanding payment of teaching fees pursuant to the teacher's contract with the agency.
- **Claim for rescission of compromise agreement and breach of factoring agreement**
Advising a retail business in respect of a claim for rescission of a compromise agreement based on misrepresentation (failure of disclosure in litigation) and economic duress, and in respect of an underlying claim for breach of a factoring agreement.
- **Claim for repudiatory breach of compromise agreement**



Acting on behalf of the claimant in a claim for repudiatory breach of a compromise agreement, in respect of the defendant's in breaching confidentiality provisions and instigating proceedings against a related entity.

Qualifications & Memberships

Memberships

London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Education & Scholarships

LLB (Warwick) (First Class)

BVC Major Scholarship (Inner Temple)