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Robert is a specialist in all aspects of the law of costs and litigation funding. He is instructed in a range of high profile cases and he is often brought into major group and commercial litigation to deal with specific costs issues. He provides strategic advice on matters of commercial importance to all involved with the costs and funding of litigation. He advises on complex funding solutions for major commercial disputes, and he acts in substantial disputes concerning legal expenses insurance.

Robert also specialises in contractual and commercial disputes, civil procedure, regulatory and consumer law and insurance law as well as related issues of professional regulation and discipline. He has a growing practice in solicitors' negligence work.

Robert is also an expert in the law relating to the claims management industry.

Robert is ranked as a leading Costs junior by both Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500.

Chambers & Partners 2018⁷ describes him as having an "enormous depth of knowledge, is highly responsive and is a real pleasure to work with on every level." Chambers & Partners 2017 described him as "Very intelligent, excellent with difficult clients and very forensic." The Legal 500 2017 says "He provides top-class analytical skills and is excellent at focusing on the key issues." Chambers & Partners 2016 described him as "a go-to for many instructing solicitors" and "an impressive advocate, who produces excellent written work and shows great attention to detail", "he has that well informed approach that the clients and costs judges lap up." Chambers & Partners 2015 say "He's very much the iron fist in the velvet glove." "The nice thing about working with him is he gives you confidence in what you're doing. He always comes out and expresses his opinion." In addition the Legal 500 2016 says he has "great attention to detail and very knowledgeable". The Legal 500 2015 described him as "very helpful in putting a good case together", "great attention to detail and very knowledgeable". Chambers & Partners 2014 described him as "a great asset to any costs team". Chambers & Partners 2012 says Robert is "an astute and specialised performer with an intricate knowledge of costs law" and "level-headed and approaches cases with good commercial sense". The Legal 500 2013 says he is "good on paper and in court" and the Legal 500 2012 refers to his "excellent service" and "invaluable knowledge of the specialist costs rules". It has also been said that "there seems to be nothing he doesn't know about the subject" (Chambers & Partners 2011), he has "excellent attention to detail with an eye for the wider context" (Legal 500 2011), he is "bright, articulate and has a strong command of the subject" (Chambers & Partners 2008). Robert "stands out for his appearances in the Court of Appeal in *Sulaman v Axa* and *Direct Line* and in two of the three test cases on the enforceability of the Law Society Accident Line Protect CFAs" (Legal 500 2010). He is "incredibly bright and has intricate knowledge of his subject matter" (Chambers & Partners 2010); he "combines intellectual rigour with practicality" and he "presents difficult cost issues in an attractive and nuanced way" (Legal 500 2009). Robert has also been recognised for his "outstanding technical knowledge and recall of case law" (Chambers & Partners 2009) and his "excellent and broad-based costs practice" (Legal 500 2008).

Areas of Expertise



Professional Liability

Robert has a growing practice in solicitors' negligence claims which relate to costs issues.

He acts and advises in disputes where costs claims are met with allegations of poor service; and in claims which concern advice given on appropriate funding arrangements, disputes about the adequacy and effect of estimates provided and alleged conflicts of interest.

Qualifications & Memberships

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

MA (Cantab), Astbury Scholar of the Middle Temple.

Publications

Editor of Cordery on Legal Services