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He sees through to the heart of the issues in a very practical and pragmatic way.

- Chambers & Partners

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Recorder (TCC)

Roger has almost 30 years of experience working for every type of client in relation to disputes all over the world. He is regularly appointed as both Counsel and arbitrator in international arbitrations.

A "top-rate silk" who "prides himself on sorting the wheat from the chaff and identifying the issues that are worth pursuing", Roger has a pre-eminent reputation in the resolution of the most complex, high value and high profile disputes.

Winner of the 2020 'Professional Negligence Silk of the Year' award by Chambers & Partners, Roger has received numerous plaudits being described in the Directories as "a great cross-examiner who is absolutely razor sharp and has an amazing facility in court"; "another great example of sheer brilliance...his wide practice covers general professional negligence claims as well as construction claims, all of which he handles with 'natural ease and the greatest of style'"; "he is phenomenal and has cross-examination skills beyond compare"; "if something looks like it might turn into a fight he's your man"; "Every word he says counts"; "a modern silk: he's straightforward, courteous and clever" whose "top reputation has led to him being instructed on some of the highest-profile cases that have been fought"; as being able to "articulate the most complex concepts with simplicity and brevity"; "he prepares extremely well and has a very calming approach with clients. They feel very at ease with his advice"; "great choice for heavyweight matters"; "a deeply impressive performer"; "a razor-sharp and formidable opponent"; "tenacious"; "commercially savvy" and "an extremely able counsel, who is very attuned to what material will assist the tribunal."

He is one of the three general editors of *Jackson & Powell on Professional Liability* (Sweet & Maxwell, 8th Edition 2017) and has been an editor since the 3rd Edition (1992). He has won "Professional Negligence Silk of the Year" three times and was again short listed in 2019 by Chambers & Partners UK. He is a Recorder and appointed to sit in the Technology and Construction Court.

Privacy Policy

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Areas of Expertise

Construction & Engineering

"He's just excellent, loved by clients, a great silk." – *Legal 500, 2021*



“As an advocate he is polished and on top of the subject matter.” “He is clear and concise in submissions and very good on his feet with a real command of his brief.” – *Chambers & Partners, 2021*

“Excellent strategic instincts and wonderful advocacy.” – *Legal 500, 2020*

“He is very efficient, highly experienced in his field and a very effective cross-examiner.” “Very practical and solutions-oriented.” – *Chambers & Partners, 2020*

“An excellent communicator who is extremely good with clients. He breaks complicated matters down into simple understandable advice to clients.” “One of the best barristers there is. He’s very user-friendly and takes a very commercial approach.” – *Chambers & Partners, 2019*

“He has a fantastic, effective and deceptively understated cross-examination style.” – *Legal 500, UAE 2018 Leading Construction Silks*

“He gives clear, forthright and forceful views and is a very calm leader. He does not get rattled or flustered.” “He comes up with constructive and practical ideas as to how to deal with something.” – *Chambers Global, 2018*

Roger has enormous experience across the full range of Construction, Engineering, Infrastructure, Energy and PFI disputes whether litigated, arbitrated or adjudicated. He has acted for employers, contractors, sub-contractors and consultants both nationally and internationally. He has acted in connection with projects in a large number of jurisdictions including the UK, France, the Phillipines, Ethiopia, Zambia, Australia, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia, the Ukraine, South Africa, the U.S, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Libya. He is familiar with all of the major standard form contracts as well as bespoke agreements. He has led large teams of lawyers in relation to major disputes including other more junior silks.

He is listed as a leading silk by both Chambers & Partners (his **“top reputation has led to him being instructed on some of the highest-profile cases that have been fought“**, a **“top-rate silk”** who is **“a great choice for heavyweight matters,”** **“he’s very bright and very user-friendly”** and **“prides himself on sorting the wheat from the chaff and identifying the issues which are worth pursuing – he brings great order to matters that would otherwise be very complicated”**; Interviewees were keen to highlight his skill in cross-examination, commenting **“he is quite simply one of the best I have ever seen”**) and Legal 500 (**“rarely bettered in the Courtroom”**). Typical relevant experience includes:

Transport and Marine Infrastructure Disputes

- Acting for the Engineering Consortium in dispute with the Project Manager relating to the construction of several sections of new high speed rail line
- Acting for the Contractors in relation to a £100m million dispute relating to new station and signalling facilities
- Acting for a Contracting Joint Venture in dispute with a Middle East Government over the construction of a new Airport Terminal
- Acting for the Builders of a New Cruise Terminal at a major harbour

Energy Disputes

- Acting for the owners of a new power station in relation to claims against consultants and sub-contractors
- Acting in two substantial disputes relating to waste and energy generation long term contracts
- Acting for major Engineering consultants in relation to a geo-technical dispute concerning the foundations of a new power station;
- Acting in relation to the refurbishment of 5 power stations;
- Acting in relation to a turbine collapse at substantial plant

PFI Disputes



NEW SQUARE

- Acting for the operators of a hospital in dispute with original builders
 - Acting in dispute with owner and builder in relation to waste generation matters
 - Acting for an Employer in relation to the termination of a combined treatment plant
 - Acting for the operators of a part of a motorway in dispute with Government
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- Acting for the builders of Wembley Stadium in dispute with sub-contractors and consultants leading to complex litigation and three visits to the Court of Appeal
 - Claims arising from the failure of concrete works in relation to a very large car park in a major retail development
 - Acting for the builders of a £500m hotel, residential and retail complex in dispute with the Employer and sub-contractors
 - Acting for the Owners of a Supermarket in dispute with builders and designers
 - Acting in relation to two substantial tower crane collapse
 - Acting for hotel owners against professional consultants
 - Acting for a major contractor in dispute with a government over nuclear facilities

Qualifications & Memberships

M.A. LLM (Cantab)

Insights

Jackson & Powell on Professional Liability

1 December 2016

He is, with John Powell QC, one of the two general editors (7th & 8th ed.). He has been an editor since the 3rd Edition (1992).