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Simon Teasdale has a specialist costs law practice, which sits alongside a broader commercial practice including professional liability and international arbitration work. In addition to being led by Silks in chambers, he regularly appears as sole counsel at hearings and trials in the High Court, Senior Courts Costs Office, and County Court.

Simon is also a co-author of the 4th edition of *Toulson & Phipps on Confidentiality*, in which his writing has had a particular focus on legal professional privilege, issues of confidentiality which may arise in the conduct of litigation, and the relationship between lawyers and their clients.

For examples of his recent experience and ongoing work, please see the individual practice areas below.

Privacy Policy

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Areas of Expertise

Commercial Dispute Resolution

Simon is regularly instructed to act in commercial disputes of all sizes, both as sole counsel and as a junior. Recently, his work in this area has included:

- Acting for two defendant trustees in a multi-million-pound contractual dispute in the Commercial Court, led by Nicholas Bacon QC. The litigation involved heavily-contested interim applications, matters heard in private, and the management of related proceedings in another court.
- Acting as junior counsel on a high-value conspiracy claim involving multiple parties across several jurisdictions, including the Isle of Man and USA. Simon's involvement ranged from assisting with the drafting of documents to preparation for hearings and advising on interim applications. Simon gained experience of co-ordinating with other legal teams engaged in related proceedings overseas.
- Acting as part of a counsel team led by Justin Fenwick QC challenging an arbitration award relating to the ownership of a Russian company under section 67 of the Arbitration Act 1996.
- Acting as part of a counsel team tasked with investigating a potential claim by a Channel Island investment fund against former auditors.
- Acting in a range of claims for misrepresentation, breach of contract, and unjust enrichment between commercial parties of all sizes, both led and as sole counsel. In particular, Simon has acted in a number of misrepresentation claims relating to projected benefits from Government renewable energy schemes.
- Assisting in a high-value international arbitration, where the key issue was the interpretation of pricing clauses in a



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commercial contract.

- Appearing regularly as sole counsel at hearings in the High Court and County Court across a range of commercial disputes. Simon has substantial experience of strike out applications, hearings to determine preliminary issues, trials, and dealing with allegations of dishonesty.

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Simon is a member of COMBAR and the Young International Arbitration Group.

Qualifications & Memberships

Simon read Law at New College, Oxford, graduating in 2014 with first class honours. He went on to complete the Bar Professional Training Course, for which he was graded Outstanding. Simon was called to the Bar in 2015 by Lincoln's Inn, having been awarded a Lord Denning Scholarship, Hardwicke Scholarship, and Buchanan Prize.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Simon also worked as a Legal Editor at FromCounsel, a specialist online company law service, where he gained a broad experience of corporate law. In particular, Simon's work involved detailed research into the law of agency, parent and subsidiary company relationships, and the changes introduced by the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015. This knowledge and understanding continues to be useful wherever company law issues arise within his practice.

During pupillage, Simon attended the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators' 2017 Arbitration Weekend, where he was awarded the prizes for Best Advocate as chosen by the arbitrators and Best Advocate as chosen by the delegates.

Education: BA, Oxford (First Class Honours); BPTC, City (Outstanding).

Memberships: COMBAR, TECBAR, SCL, YIAG and PNBA.

Insights

'The Death Clause' – can basic charges be recovered under a Conditional Fee Agreement in the event of a client's death?

29 October 2019

On Thursday 24 October 2019, Mr Justice Pushpinder Saini handed down his judgment in *Higgins & Co Lawyers Ltd v Evans* [2019] EWHC 2809 (QB), an appeal from a decision of Master McCloud sitting in the SCCO. Roger Mallalieu appeared for the successful Appellant. Simon Teasdale explains the facts, the court's rulings and the implications of the decision.