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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

Professional Liability

Simon is regularly instructed to settle pleadings, advise on, and appear in claims against professionals across a range of industries, though with a particular focus on solicitors and valuers.

Examples of Simon's work in this area include:

- Being led by Ben Hubble QC in the Court of Appeal proceedings in *Rihan v Ernst & Young Global Limited (and others)*.
- Acting as sole counsel in numerous cases, both in the High Court and County Court, in which solicitors are alleged to have conducted litigation or commercial or conveyancing transactions negligently. In particular, Simon has extensive experience in dealing with issues which arise in relation to the loss of a chance, and assisted Sir Antony Edwards-Stuart in the preparation of the PNBA's Peter Taylor Memorial Address on that subject in 2017.
- Assisting as part of a counsel team in advising on a high-value claim in negligence and deceit, brought by a mortgage company against a number of law firms and valuers in relation to over 70 properties.
- Drafting a Defence and providing advice in a claim against a firm of solicitors by an ATE insurer involving limitation issues similar to those which arose in *Axa Insurance Limited v Akhtar & Darby Sols & Ors* [2009] EWCA Civ 1166.
- Defending solicitors and mortgage brokers against allegations of dishonesty.
- Acting in professional negligence claims against architects and construction professionals alleged to have provided inadequate services in relation to both commercial and residential properties. This has given Simon particular experience of the effective instruction of experts.



Simon also has a growing specialism in actions by solicitors to recover unpaid fees from their former clients, which often prompt allegations of professional negligence or wrongful termination in response. Similarly, Simon also has experience of detailed assessments of solicitors' bills brought by former clients, which also engage related issues.

Simon is a co-author of the 4th edition of *Toulson & Phipps on Confidentiality*, in which has edited the chapters that relate to the relationship between lawyers and their clients, medical advisers and their patients, and employers and their employees.

Simon is a member of PNBA, and has assisted in the preparation of talks on recent cases of importance in the Professional Liability sphere, as well as the future of claims against lawyers following the decision in *Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board* [2015] UKSC 11.

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.