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## Conor Ewing

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Conor has a broad commercial practice across Chambers' main practice areas, with a particular focus on professional negligence, construction and energy disputes, commercial litigation and arbitration and product liability.

Highlights of Conor's current and recent work include:

- Acting as junior counsel for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the Tenant Management Organisation in relation to recovery actions arising out of the Grenfell Tower fire (led by David Turner KC, Clare Dixon KC and Isabel Barter).
- Acting for solicitors in a c.£12 million claim arising out of the sale and purchase of a company (led by Helen Evans KC and Timothy Killen).
- Acting in a multi-million pound cladding and fire protection claim in the TCC (led by Matthew Thorne).
- Acting in multiple claims brought by patients against a leading manufacturer of a birth control product (led by Toby Riley-Smith KC and Anna Hughes).

In addition to his led work, Conor has a busy unled practice. He regularly appears in the County Court and advises as sole counsel in a wide range of commercial disputes.

Conor studied law at the University of Oxford, graduating with a First Class undergraduate degree and read for the BCL the following year. Before coming to the Bar, Conor was the Judicial Assistant to Lady Justice Asplin in the Court of Appeal, assisting with a wide range of commercial appellate work.

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## Expertise

## Professional Negligence

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Conor's professional negligence practice encompasses a wide range of professions including architects, designers, engineers, lawyers and surveyors. He has experience acting for both claimants, defendants and insurers. He has a particular interest in cases which overlap with his construction practice.

Conor has contributed to Bloomsbury's 'Journal of Professional Negligence'.

### Notable Professional Negligence cases

- Acting as junior counsel for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the Tenant Management Organisation in relation to recovery actions arising out of the Grenfell Tower fire (led by David Turner KC, Clare Dixon KC and Isabel Barter).
- Acting for solicitors in a c. £12 million claim arising out of the sale and purchase of a company (led by Helen Evans KC and Timothy Killen).
- Acting as sole counsel for a firm of architects in a case concerning the scope of an architect's duty of care and the correct measure of loss.
- Assisting Isabel Barter in the appeal in *Page v Kidd* [2021] 11 WLUK 294, a solicitor's negligence case concerning s.14B of the Limitation Act 1980.

## Construction

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Conor has particular experience in construction disputes and accepts instructions in cases arising from various standard form construction contracts, such as the JCT, ICE, NEC, RIBA and FIDIC contracts. He is particularly sought after in construction disputes which overlap with his professional negligence expertise, including cases involving allegations against architects, engineers, and other contractual parties.

His current and recent cases include a number of multi-million pound cladding claims following the Grenfell Tower fire, as well as claims under the Building Safety Act 2022.

### Notable Construction cases

- Currently acting as junior counsel in a multi-million pound cladding and fire protection claim in the TCC (led by Matthew Thorne).
- *Lendlease Construction (Europe) Limited v AECOM* [2023] EWHC 260 (TCC): Acting for the defendant M&E consultants in a claim arising out of a new oncology centre at St James's University Hospital in Leeds (led by Lynne McCafferty KC and Matthew Thorne).
- Acting as junior counsel for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the Tenant Management Organisation in relation to recovery actions arising out of the Grenfell Tower fire (led by David Turner KC, Clare Dixon KC and Isabel Barter).

## Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

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Conor accepts instructions across the full spectrum of commercial work. He is regularly instructed as sole counsel in a broad range of commercial disputes and has experience with claims in deceit and economic torts and cases with an international element.

### Notable Commercial Litigation and Arbitration cases

- Acting as sole counsel in securing interim injunctions, including orders for delivery up and other mandatory injunctions.
- Acting as junior counsel in a c. £400 million claim involving claims for deceit and unlawful means conspiracy.

- Advising on the arbitrability of an unfair prejudice petition.

## Product Liability

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Conor is regularly instructed as sole and junior counsel in a range of product liability disputes. He has particular experience with cases involving construction products, white goods and medical devices and is often led in cases involving group/multi-party litigation.

### Notable Product Liability cases

- Acting as junior counsel for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the Tenant Management Organisation in relation to recovery actions arising out of the Grenfell Tower fire (led by David Turner KC, Clare Dixon KC and Isabel Barter).
- Instructed in multiple claims brought by patients against a leading manufacturer of a birth control product (led by Toby Riley-Smith KC and Anna Hughes).
- Assisting Charles Dougherty KC and Isabel Barter in group litigation concerning defective vaginal mesh products.
- Instructed as sole counsel in relation to a claim concerning the supply of counterfeit wine.
- Instructed as sole counsel for a well-known producer of infant formula powder allegedly contaminated with Salmonella.

## Education

- BPTC, City Law School
  - Bachelor of Civil Law, Wadham College, Oxford
  - BA Jurisprudence (First Class), Wadham College, Oxford
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## Awards

- Residential Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
  - Academic prize for performance in undergraduate moderations, Wadham College
  - Droop Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
  - Winner of the televised STV/Debating Matters Referendum Debate
  - Winner of the Scottish Debating Matters Competition, top 4 in UK
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