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Ed is a commercial junior with experience across all of Chambers' core practice areas. He has a particular focus on professional negligence, insurance, banking and financial services, general commercial litigation, construction, sport and costs.

Highlights of Ed's current and recent cases include:

- *Re: Ve Interactive Ltd*: £126m claim against insolvency practitioners following the collapse of an e-commerce start up (with [David Turner KC](#) and [Tom Shepherd](#)).
- *Novitas Loans Ltd v AmTrust Europe Ltd*: £55m claim arising out of a failed litigation funding scheme (with [Ben Elkington KC](#) and [George McDonald](#)).
- *Various Investors v G4S Ltd*: claims under Section 90A of FSMA for statutory compensation in relation to published information (with [Shail Patel](#)).
- *A v B*: Premier League arbitration between a football player and his agent (with [Daniel Saoul KC](#)).

Ed regularly appears in the County Court and High Court. He has experience of both procedural and substantive hearings. He also acts in a range of common County Court hearings, including bankruptcy, credit hire, PPI and RTA claims.

Expertise

Professional Negligence

Ed has experience acting for and against a wide range of professionals, including surveyors, solicitors, barristers, accountants and insolvency practitioners. Examples of recent cases include:

- High Court proceedings in a £4.5m claim against solicitors for negligent advice about FCA authorisation.
- Advising a homeowner on potential claims against a surveyor for their conduct of a RICS Level 3 survey.
- Defending a railway company against claims for negligence and nuisance by homeowners in relation to Japanese knotweed.
- Advising an independent financial adviser on potential claims against a regulatory consultant for negligent advice.
- County Court proceedings in a claim against a firm of solicitors for negligent advice about the terms of a lease.

During pupillage, Ed worked on and observed a number of professional negligence cases, including:

- *Mervyn Lambert Plant Limited and others v Knights Solicitors* [2022] EWHC 165 (QB): five-day trial of a claim against the client's former solicitors in relation to advice given about the prospects of success in a judicial review.
- *Goring and others v Anderson Rowntree LLP*: six-day trial of a claim against the client's former solicitors in relation to advice given about a conveyancing transaction.

Insurance & Reinsurance

Ed has a thriving insurance practice. Recent highlights include:

- *Novitas Loans Ltd v AmTrust Europe Ltd*: £55m claim arising out of a failed litigation funding scheme (with **Ben Elkington KC** and **George McDonald**).
- *X v Y*: coverage arbitration between a solicitor and their insurer in relation to claims of dishonesty, fraud, and breach of the duty of fair presentation (with **George Spalton KC**).
- Acting in a +£0.5m claim relating to flood damage of an industrial warehouse (with **Shail Patel**).

During pupillage, Ed also provided assistance with:

- Advising on the effect of a jurisdiction clause in a business interruption policy.
- Advising on the recovery of costs under the terms of an ATE insurance policy.

Banking & Financial Services

Recent highlights of Ed's work during tenancy and pupillage include:

- Advising a major UK bank in relation to a +£1.3m claim for breach of contract by a merchant banking customer (with **Shail Patel**).
- Acting for a firm of FCA-regulated financial advisers in a claim against a former member and director for delivery up of documents.

Commercial Litigation

Ed has a growing commercial practice which covers both litigation and advisory work. Recent instructions include:

- *Various Investors v G4S Ltd*: claims under section 90A of FSMA 2000 for statutory compensation in relation to published information (with **Shail Patel**).
- Advising a Turks and Caicos domiciled company on the merits of a jurisdiction challenge.
- Acting for a financial services group seeking delivery up of documents from one of its former mortgage consultants.
- Defending a commercial property developer in a claim for breach of contract brought by an estate agent.
- Acting for an online bookmaker in an application to strike out a claim for alleged breaches of its licence with the Gambling Commission.
- Defending a commodity trading company against a £1.6m claim by one of its supply chain financiers.

During pupillage, Ed also worked on and observed:

- *Various Investors v G4S Ltd* [2022] EWHC 1081 (Ch): strike out application in proceedings brought under section 90A of FSMA 2000.

- *Flowcrete v Vebro*: heavyweight litigation arising from the alleged misappropriation of confidential information by the former directors of a flooring company.

Construction

Ed has a growing construction practice. His current work includes:

- Acting in a +£2m adjudication between a local authority and a utilities contractor (with [George McDonald](#)).
- Advising a recent buyer on potential claims against a newbuild home developer and their subcontractors.

During pupillage, Ed also provided assistance with:

- £0.5m claim between a construction company and its contractors arising out of the collapse of a gabion wall at a major residential development.

Company & Insolvency

Recent highlights of Ed's contentious and non-contentious work include:

- Advising a leading British brewer on its restructuring of a loan facility agreement with a chain of pubs.
- *Re: Ve Interactive Ltd*: £126m claim against insolvency practitioners for negligence and breach of fiduciary duties in relation to the pre-pack sale of a collapsed start-up (with [David Turner KC](#) and [Tom Shepherd](#)).

Information Technology

Recent highlights of Ed's work during tenancy and pupillage include:

- Advising on the terms of a customer licensing agreement between a major software supplier and a developer (with [Roger Stewart KC](#)).
- Assisting with advice to a defendant technology provider on recovering substantial costs following a claimant's unsuccessful FRAND injunction application in a heavyweight IP dispute.

Civil Fraud, Asset Recovery & Injunctive Relief

Ed has a developing fraud practice. During pupillage, he provided assistance with:

- *Henderson & Jones Limited v The Wilkes Partnership and others* [2023] EWHC 1276 (Ch): a £50m claim against the former directors of the Hospital Medical Group and their professional advisers for conspiracy, dishonest assistance and negligence in relation to a corporate restructuring.
- Advising a potential defendant in a +£80m claim for breach of fiduciary duty and negligence in relation to its involvement in a fraudulent property development scheme.

Costs & Litigation Funding

Recent highlights of Ed's growing costs practice include:

- Advising on the disapplication of QOCS under CPR rule 44.15 in a substantial personal injury claim.
- Acting in an application for costs due to "exceptional circumstances" under CPR rule 45.29J.

- Acting in an application for the costs of a series of hearings in ongoing Part 8 proceedings.

During pupillage, Ed also provided assistance with:

- Advising a defendant technology provider on recovering substantial costs following a claimant's unsuccessful FRAND injunction application in a heavyweight IP dispute.
- Drafting costs submissions following a six-day trial in a conveyancing professional negligence claim.

Qualifications & Memberships

Ed is a member of COMBAR and the Chancery Bar Association

Ed studied Classics at New College, Oxford, graduating with a Double First and winning multiple academic awards. He then completed the GDL and BVS at City, University of London, gaining a Distinction in both. Ed also holds a LLM with Distinction from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a Thouron Fellow at the Carey Law School and Research Fellow at the Wharton Business School. Before coming to the Bar, Ed was a Visiting Lecturer in Public Law at City.
