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Garry Borland KC

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Garry Borland QC specialises in construction and related professional negligence work, as well as in commercial litigation.

He practises in London and in Edinburgh.

He is called to both the English and Scottish Bars and is regulated by both the Bar Council (England) and the Faculty of Advocates (Scotland).

In recent years Garry has amassed significant experience in international commercial arbitrations, in matters in which the claims have run into hundreds of millions of pounds. He has very extensive trial experience in this context.

Construction: he is rated by Chambers & Partners as a Band 1 silk for construction work in Scotland. He is also rated by Who's Who Legal in the same area. Directory comments include: "incredibly bright and inspires confidence in clients"; "really is as good as it gets for complex construction cases"; a "standout" for construction disputes; "combines a truly forensic attention to detail with superb advocacy skills"; "has an exceptional depth and breadth of expertise in relation to construction law"; "exceptionally thorough and client friendly"; "very bright and hard working"; "extremely thorough and gets on well with clients"; "very impressive grasp of the detail in a case"; "offers a good commercial overview and is always very clear in his thinking"; "masters the detail but also has a strategic and commercial approach"; and "has a speed and accuracy of analysis that few can match".

Garry has very considerable experience in this area in litigation, adjudication and arbitration (both domestic and international).

Commercial: Garry is rated by Chambers & Partners as a Band 1 silk in Scotland for commercial litigation. The directories have said that he is "renowned for his knowledge and attention to detail"; "one of the most technically gifted" counsel around; "his eye for detail and clarity of delivery are superb"; a "standout... for commercial cases of particular complexity"; is possessed of a "fantastic intellect and a commercial mindset"; has "meticulous attention to detail and a comprehensive command of the law"; brings "encyclopaedic knowledge" to dealing with cases; has a "mastery of the law"; "you can always be sure he won't miss a thing"; brings a "commercial and pragmatic approach" to disputes; professional negligence is an area of "particular strength for him"; "an excellent strategist who always strives for the best result for the client"; "unrivalled in his willingness to immerse himself in the complexity of cases"; and "has real clarity of thought and precision of delivery".

He has advised and acted in disputes arising from numerous sectors of commerce, including those involving banking, commercial property, energy (including oil and gas), financial services, insurance, international sale of goods, and transport.

Restructuring and insolvency: Chambers & Partners identifies Garry as a Band 1 silk for restructuring and insolvency work in Scotland. Comments include: his advocacy skills and considerable experience in this area "combine to make him a go-to for contentious insolvency matters"; "very accomplished"; "one of the best" in this practice area; "highly recommended"; "has a keen attention to detail and offers a good analysis of the issues"; "very approachable, methodical and can do things last minute"; and "Super-bright, extremely thorough and organised".

Expertise

Commercial

Garry has extensive experience of an extremely wide range of commercial disputes. He is rated by Chambers & Partners as a Band 1 silk for commercial litigation in Scotland.

Company & insolvency

Chambers & Partners identifies Garry as a Band 1 silk for restructuring and insolvency work, and he is rated by The Legal 500 in the same sphere.

Construction

His very considerable experience in this area, both domestically and internationally, extends to disputes fought out in court, arbitration and adjudication. He is rated by Chambers & Partners as a Band 1 silk for construction law in Scotland, and by The Legal 500 in the same area.

Qualifications

He is a member of the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland. Garry was called to the Scottish Bar in 2000. He is a member of the leading commercial set in Scotland, Axiom Advocates.

Between 2009 and 2012, Garry was a standing junior counsel to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs in Scotland.

LLB (Hons), Glasgow University, first class (J Bennett Miller Prize winner in senior honours for top student in year). BCL, St. John's College, Oxford, first class (Pirie-Reid scholar).
