



Fountain Court

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Practice Areas:

Conrad Dehn has undertaken a broad spread of commercial and common law work with some emphasis on insurance/reinsurance, public and administrative law, employment and professional negligence. Other areas covered include in particular restrictive trade practices (now competition law), confidential information, highways by land and water, conflict of laws and private parliamentary bills.

Education:

BA Oxon First class honours PPE, 1950
MA Oxon, 1952

Prizes & Scholarships:

Holford Scholar, Christ Church, Oxford, 1944
Holt Scholar, Gray's Inn, 1952

Appointments:

Recorder 1974-1998
Deputy High Court Judge 1988-96
Chairman, London University Appellate Disciplinary Committee 1986 - 1996
Vice-Chairman London Legal Aid Committee 1987-92
Chairman, Advisory Committee General Commissioner for Income Tax, Gray's Inn 1993- 2002
Bencher, Gray's Inn, 1977-
Treasurer, Gray's Inn, 1996
Governor, Inns of Court School of Law 1996 – 2008
Director, Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund 1988-
Hon. Legal Adviser to and Vice president of Age Concern London, 1987 - 2002
Head of Chambers, Fountain Court Chambers 1984-1989
Hon Legal Adviser to Southwark Action for Voluntary Organisations, 2003 – 2008

Recent Practice:

Administrative & Public Law:

R v British Coal Corporation exp. Vardy [1993] ICR 720 D.C. (judicial review/closing coal mines)



R v Bexley LBC ex p. Barnehurst Golf Club [1992] NPC 43 (judicial review/business tenancies)

R v Devon CC ex p. George [1989] AC 536 (judicial review/school transport) (see also under *Schools*)

R v IRC ex p. Harrow LBC [1983] TC 683 (requiring Inland Revenue to tax third parties)

Lewis v Heffer [1978] 1 WLR 1061, CA (Labour party organisation)

Arbitration:

Dispute between two national newspapers [1994] (acted as arbitrator)

Commercial Litigation:

Barclays Bank of Swaziland v Hahn [1989] 1 WLR 506, HL (service of process)

Faccenda Chicken v Fowler [1987] Ch.117 CA (confidential information)

Willment Bros v NW Thames RHA [1984] 26 BLR 51 (summary judgement/cheque/bankruptcy & setoff)

WM Siddell v NW Thames RHA [1977] ICR 294, HL (RIBA contract)

Steadman v Steadman [1976] AC 536 (oral agreement for transfer of land/property)

Competition Law:

Director of Fair Trading v Tarmac and Others [1996] Tr. LR 78

Ready Mix Concrete Agreement [1996] TrLR 78

Re Supply of Ready Mixed Concrete [1992] 2 QB 213, CA [1992] ICR 52 (contempt of court/restrictive trade practices)

Conflict of Laws & Private International Law:

The ERAS EIL actions: *SCOR v ERAS International and others* [1995] 1 LL LR 64, 2 ALL ER 278 (Reinsurance) (see also under *Insurance*)

Black Clawson International Property v Papierwerke Waldorf-Aschaffenburg [1975] AC 591 (conflict of laws/foreign judgements)

Employment:

Easton v Ford Motor Company [1993] 1 WLR 1511 CA (late amendments to pleadings)

R v BC ex p. UDM [1988] ICR 36 (industrial relations in the coal industry)

NCB v NUM [1986] ICR 736 (industrial relations in the coal industry)

R v NCB ex p. NUM [1986] ICR 791 (industrial relations in the coal industry)

Post Office v Crouch [1974] 1 WLR 89, HL (industrial relations)

Highways by Land and Water:

A-G ex rel Yorkshire Derwent Trust v Brotherton [1992] 1 AC 425 HL (highways; rights of way/rivers)

Royco Homes v Southern Water Authority [1979] 1 WLR 1366, HL (water supply/water & waterworks)

Information Technology:

St Albans DC v International Computers Ltd [1996] 4 All ER 481 CA

Insurance & Reinsurance:

Morgan Grenfell v SACE (2001) EWCA 1932 CA (Insurance)

Arbitration between English Insurers and US Insured [1999] (Insurance)



National Company for Co-Operative Insurance v St Paul Reinsurance Co Ltd and Others, Thomas J. [1997-8] (Reinsurance)
The ERAS EIL actions: *SCOR v ERAS International and others* [1995] 1 LL LR 64, 2 ALL ER 278 (Reinsurance)
Arbitration between English Insurers and Foreign Reinsurers [1994] (Reinsurance)
Alpina, Zurich and Bavarian Re v Clarksons [1989] 139 NLJ 256; [1995] 1 LL.LR.64, 2 All ER 278 (Reinsurance)

Partnership:

Newstead v Frost [1980] 1 WLR 135, HL (partnership/tax)

Professional Negligence:

Garland v Ralph, Pay & Ransom [1989] 271 EG 106 (surveyors' negligence)

Schools:

R v Devon CC ex p. George [1989] AC 536 (judicial review/school transport)
Rogers v Essex CC [1986] AC 66 (school transport)

Other experience:

Appeared at Planning Inquiries *inter alia* for and against hypermarket operators and about Shoreham Airport.
Appeared at the European Court of Justice for British Coal.
Appeared in Parliament on many Private Bills.
Acted for pop star's company against a newspaper about photographs of the star, for a bank sued by a customer about alleged theft from her deposit box, for a barrister and a solicitor sued for negligence, and a computer company suing a regional health authority.
Has also advised clients on their statutory powers, interest rate swaps, defamation, landlord and tenant, and ancient enclosures, exemption clauses and the Competition Act.

Publications:

Editor, *Commercial Court Practice* 1999-2000
Essay in *Reform of Civil Procedure: Essays on Access to Justice*, OUP (1996)

Interests:

Theatre, living in France