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Giles Wheeler KC has been described in *Chambers & Partners* as a “razor-sharp barrister and stellar advocate” who is “top-notch.

His drafting skills are excellent, he’s great on his feet, is very user-friendly and his advice is sound”. Giles is “really willing to roll up sleeves, very collaborative and excellent at strategy”.

He is routinely instructed in a wide-range of substantial commercial litigation and arbitration. His experience covers substantial banking disputes (including mis-selling cases, the Quincecare duty, crypto currency and other fintech disputes, derivatives and POCA matters), civil fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of director’s duty claims, regulatory matters, and professional negligence (with a particular emphasis on finance-oriented professions). Giles is comfortable in handling technically complex matters (including crypto-currency related matters) and disputes involving expert evidence.

Giles’ recent work includes a Privy Council appeal, a trial of a guarantee claim met with a defence of misrepresentation, and a heavy summary judgment application on a limitation point. Giles is currently instructed in a significant case before the Court of Appeal concerned with a challenge to settlements to PPI claims reached in accordance with the FCA’s redress scheme.

Giles often works on cases with an international dimension and regularly advises on jurisdiction and foreign enforcement issues. He has experience of litigation governed by foreign law (including experience of arguing foreign law points in the Court of Appeal). Giles also has recent experience of being instructed as an expert witness in foreign litigation and has given oral evidence on English law and civil procedure in a jury trial in the US District Court.

Giles has been recommended for professional negligence work by the *The Legal 500* from 2009 to 2024 and for banking work by *Chambers & Partners* 2017 to 2022 and Legal 500 2024.

Recent Highlights

JP SPC 4 v Royal Bank of Scotland International [2022] UKPC 18

Acting for the Bank in defending a claim for over £60 million arising from the much-publicised collapse of the Axiom Legal Financing Fund. The claim was founded on an allegation that the Bank owed the claimants, as the party beneficially interested in sums held in an account with the Bank, a duty of care in tort equivalent to the contractual *Quincecare* duty. Giles advised the Bank on its response to the claim and appeared for the Bank before the Privy Council in successfully resisting an appeal from the Isle of Man Court of Appeal which had struck out the claim.

Decisive Capital Management SA v Les Geonnais Limited (and others)

Acting for the claimant lender at trial in successfully recovering over £3 million due from the defendant borrowers and guarantor, with the defences raising allegations of misrepresentation and issues of contractual interpretation.

Harrop v Skipton Building Society

Acting for the defendant to a PPI claim, successfully obtaining the striking out of the claim which was upheld on first appeal. A second appeal is currently pending before the Court of Appeal which will be the first occasion on which the Court of Appeal will have considered the scope for re-opening settlement agreements under s.140A of the Consumer Credit Act 1974. The appeal has significant implications for challenges to very large numbers of PPI settlements reached under the FCA's redress scheme for PPI claims.

Montvale v Terra Raf Trans Traiding & Stati

Instructed by the liquidators of the claimant (part of Anatolie Stati's Ascom Group) in litigation arising from the collapse of the Ascom/Vitol joint venture to exploit oil and gas fields in Kazakhstan. The claimant sought recovery of funds belonging to the claimant which had been disbursed to other companies under Stati's control; Giles obtained a worldwide freezing injunction in support of its claim following an unusual two-day on-notice application.

SPL v Addison

Acting for the claimant investment funds (each cells of a Guernsey incorporated cell company, which formed part of the collapsed Arch-Cru investment funds) in a claim for £150 million brought in Guernsey against a former director, alleging breach of duty in the management of the funds (including a breach of the duty to oversee the work of the funds' investment manager).

Expertise

AI, Crypto & Technology

Giles is regularly instructed on cases with a technological element, including cryptocurrency related matters, and is entirely comfortable in mastering technically complex disputes and evidence.

Notable AI, Crypto & Technology cases

X v Y

Advising the victim of a substantial cryptocurrency fraud on potential claims to recover access to the lost cryptocurrency, giving detailed consideration to the mechanics of cryptocurrency transactions and the legal obligations of those involved in undertaking and recording them on the blockchain.

Little Bridge World Ltd v Hitachi Solutions Europe Limited

Instructed for the defendant at the trial of a claim for damages of over £14 million for breach of a software distribution agreement.

X v Y

Acting for a broker in pursuing a claim regarding an agreement to establish a crypto-currency exchange, raising issues concerning the basis on which a claim can be brought to recover contractually due payment denominated in bitcoin.

Onfido Limited v Blockchain Access UK Limited

Acting in a dispute over the operation of software designed to assist compliance with know-your-customer rules and anti-money laundering regulations when onboarding customers remotely.

A v B

Acting in a dispute over the provision of a data feed to an investment fund platform provider.

Essentially Different Limited v Bank of Scotland

Defended a claim for damages of £150 million for breach of a loan agreement which was advanced on the premise that the claimant had developed novel software technology which comprised an early form of (what is now known as) cloud computing.

Banking & Finance

Giles regularly acts both for and against banks in connection with a wide variety of banking matters and routinely advises on the issues arising out of the interpretation of complex finance agreements. Giles has extensive experience of handling mis-selling claims (including claims in connection with LIBOR manipulation) and is familiar with disputes of all kinds concerning various forms of derivatives, including in particular interest rate swaps, currency swaps and credit default swaps.

Giles has significant recent experience of disputes in the Fintech area, including disputes involving cryptocurrencies. Other areas where Giles has recent experience include the *Quincecare* duty, guarantee claims, disputed term loans, mortgages and other securities, letters of credit, the conversion of cheques, and allegations of breach of mandate. Giles has also recently acted for lenders in defending a number of claims brought under s.140A of the Consumer Credit Act.

Reported Banking & Finance cases

JP SPC 4 v Royal Bank of Scotland International [2023] AC 461

Acting for the Bank in defending a claim for over £60 million arising from the much-publicised collapse of the Axiom Legal Financing Fund. The claim was founded on an allegation that the Bank owed the claimants, as the party beneficially interested in sums held in an account with the Bank, a duty of care in tort equivalent to the contractual *Quincecare* duty. Giles advised the Bank on its response to the claim and appeared for the Bank before the Privy Council in successfully resisting an appeal from the Isle of Man Court of Appeal which had struck out the claim.

Goldman Sachs v Videocon [2015] 1 CLC 41

Acting on this matter regarding a decision on the interpretation of section 6 of the ISDA Master Agreement which the Court of Appeal, recognised as being of general importance.

Barclays v UniCredit [2014] 2 Lloyd's Rep. 59 (CA); [2013] 2 Lloyd's Rep 1 (Poplewell J)

Acting in a claim for €80 million, arising from disputed credit guarantees which turned on the nature of a contractual requirement to exercise a contractual discretion in a “commercially reasonable manner”.

R on the application of Williams v Financial Ombudsman Service [2008] All ER (D) 35 (Jul)

Acting in a judicial review of a decision of the Financial Ombudsman Service which addressed the extent to which the Ombudsman is entitled to rely on his own knowledge of matters not addressed in submissions/evidence advanced specifically in connection with a complaint.

CSOB v Nomura [2002] All ER (D) 157

Acting in relation to an application for the stay of proceedings on forum non conveniens grounds.

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Coleview Ltd and Lenborough Ltd v Royal Bank of Scotland International

Acting for the Bank in defending a substantial Quincecare claim for around £10 million in which it is alleged that the Bank failed to identify indications of a long running fraud allegedly perpetrated against the claimants.

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X v Y

Acting for the claimant borrower in an LCIA arbitration arising out of a loan secured by a pledge of shares, in which each party advances allegations of default by the other party under the terms of the loan agreement and in which there is a dispute as to the extent of the respondent lender's entitlement to retain the shares pledged as security for the loan.

Taylor v Bank of Scotland plc

Acting for the Bank in defending allegations of misrepresentation (including allegations of implied misrepresentation arising from allegations of LIBOR manipulation) in connection with the sale of interest rate hedging products in conjunction with a loan.

Vegesentials Ltd v The Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank Ltd

Acting for the Bank in defending a claim for damages of over £10 million which are alleged to have been caused by a forged credit reference said to have resulted in the loss of a substantial investment opportunity for the claimant, successfully obtaining security for costs where the Claimant depended on litigation funding to bring its claim.

Onfido Limited v Blockchain Access UK Limited

Acting in a dispute over the operation of software designed to assist compliance with know-your-customer rules and anti-money laundering regulations when onboarding customers remotely.

A v B

Acting in a dispute over the provision of a data feed to an investment fund platform provider.

X v Y

Acting in a dispute between credit card providers concerning the funding of refunds arising from the collapse of Thomas Cook.

Munroe K Ltd v Bank of Scotland Plc

Acting for Bank of Scotland in defending a £50 million claim for alleged interest rate swap mis-selling and alleged misrepresentations relating to LIBOR. Giles succeeded in obtaining the striking out of the mis-selling aspect of the claim on limitation grounds on an application heard by Knowles J [2018] EWHC 3583.

United Trust Bank v Miller

Acting for UTB in responding to an application for permission to appeal against a possession order which raised complex issues regarding the duties of litigation friends and the inter-relationship between appeals and applications to set aside an order on grounds of non-attendance, in the context of a party acting through a litigation friend.

Norham Holdings Group Ltd v Lloyds Bank Plc

Acting for Lloyds in defending an interest rate swap mis-selling claim, which also raised allegations of LIBOR manipulation and conspiracy. Appeared (led by Richard Handyside KC) at a two-day preliminary hearing which determined that a basic redress settlement arising from the FCA Review into interest rate hedging products did not give rise to an estoppel preventing the bank from disputing the allegations of mis-selling and did not give the claimant a contractual right to damages for consequential loss.

Atwal v Bank of Scotland Plc

Defended interest rate swap mis-selling allegations in proceedings which settled shortly before trial.

X v Y

Acting in a claim by a broker regarding an agreement to establish a crypto-currency exchange, raising issues concerning the basis on which a claim can be brought to recover contractually due payment denominated in bitcoin.

Rockaria Investments Inc v Lloyds Bank Plc

Acting for Lloyds in obtaining the successful strike out of an interest rate swap mis-selling claim on limitation grounds, turning on the application of s.14A of the Limitation Act 1980 (with an appeal dismissed by consent shortly before being heard in October 2018).

Universal Advanced Technology v Lloyds Bank Plc

Acting for the bank in the Court of Appeal ([2016] EWCA Civ 933) in a second appeal concerning a claim to recover sums mistakenly credited to (and then withdrawn from) the account of the beneficiary of a cancelled BACS transfer.

HDFC Bank Ltd v Essar Steel India Ltd

Acting for the defendant to a claim for repayment of \$19 million loan facilities, which raised issues as to the effect under Indian law of a compulsory restructuring mechanism established by the Reserve Bank of India.

Alma Properties v West Bromwich Commercial Ltd

Instructed for the defendant in successfully resisting an application for an injunction to restrain the sale by receivers of property held as security for a £9.3 million loan facility.

Crowborough Properties Ltd v Lloyds Bank Plc

Acting for the defendant in successfully obtaining the striking out of the interest-rate hedge mis-selling claim on the ground of abuse of process/issue estoppel.

Ryfold v Nationwide Building Society

Acting (with David Railton KC) in a substantial mis-selling dispute (which settled on the eve of trial) concerning a fixed rate loan, raising the issue as to whether a fixed rate loan was a regulated investment under FSMA.

Blackwater Securities Ltd v West Bromwich Commercial Ltd

Acting for the defendant in obtaining the summary dismissal of a claim challenging the operation of a market disruption clause relied on to vary the interest charged on a £20 million loan facility.

Marksans Pharma Ltd v Peter Beck & Partner VWV GmbH [2015] EWHC 1608

Acting (led by Richard Coleman KC) for the defendant to a claim concerning an alleged settlement of payment obligations due under the terms of bonds issued by the claimant.

Goldman Sachs v Videocon [2015] 1 CLC 41

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Civil Fraud

Giles is instructed in a wide range of litigation arising out of civil fraud allegations and has acted for both claimants and defendants. Giles often advises on proprietary claims, tracing and constructive trusts in the context of civil fraud allegations. This litigation arises in a wide variety of contexts and is indicative of the breadth of Giles' practice.

Reported Civil Fraud cases

Casio v Kaiser [2001] I.L.Pr 43 (CA)

Acting on this matter regarding the interpretation of articles 5(3) and 6(1) of the Brussels Convention in the context of claims for knowing receipt and dishonest assistance against multiple defendants.

Notable Civil Fraud cases

X v Y

Advising the defendant investment managers in response to claims by a shareholder in an investment vehicle that he had been induced by a fraudulent misrepresentation allegedly made by the defendants to sell some of his shares to a corporate vehicle controlled by the defendants; and further allegations that the defendants had acquired an interest in the same investment in breach of fiduciary duties and directors' duties by arranging a sale of shares without complying with agreements giving rights of pre-emption to existing investors.

Vegesentials Ltd v The Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank Ltd

Acting for the Bank in defending a claim for damages of over £10 million which are alleged to have been caused by a forged credit reference said to have resulted in the loss of a substantial investment opportunity for the claimant.

Bluewaters Communications Holdings LLC v Bayerische Landesbank, Bernie Ecclestone & Others

Acting for the claimant in proceedings in which it is alleged that the claimant was prevented from acquiring a substantial stake in Formula One motor racing by Bernie Ecclestone's bribery of a German banker. One of *The*

Lawyer's 'Top 20 cases' of 2018.

Montvale Invest Ltd v Terra Raf Trans Traiding Ltd

Instructed by the liquidators of the claimant (part of Anatolie Stati's Ascom Group) in litigation arising from the collapse of the Ascom/Vitol joint venture to exploit oil and gas fields in Kazakhstan. The claimant sought recovery of funds belonging to the claimant which had been disbursed to other companies under Stati's control and obtained a worldwide freezing injunction in support of its claim following a two-day on-notice application.

X v Y

Acting for a defendant to a claim to recover the proceeds of a fraud of which the defendant was alleged to have been on notice (although not actively involved in the fraud itself).

A v B

Advising an international property agent in connection with a claim for breach of confidence against a former employee.

Roadchef Employee Benefit Trustees Limited v Ingram Hill [2014] EWHC 109 (Ch)

Acting (led by Michael Brindle KC) for the defendant at the trial of a substantial claim for breach of trust, breach of fiduciary duty, dishonest assistance and deceit, which concerned the transfer of shares held subject to trust as part of an employee share ownership scheme.

Commercial Disputes

In addition to dealing with domestic commercial disputes, Giles has substantial experience advising and acting in relation to all aspects of the private international law, including jurisdiction issues, anti-suit injunctions, the enforcement of foreign judgments in the English courts and the application of foreign law in the English courts (including knowledge of the provisions of the Rome I and Rome II Regulations). Giles regularly advises on the application of the EC Judgments Regulation 44/2001 and issues of applicable law. Giles also has experience of various foreign laws, including recently handling cases involving Kazakh, French, German, Austrian and Liechtenstein law.

Reported Commercial Disputes cases

Catalyst Recycling v Nicklehütte Aue [2008] All ER (D) 293 (May) (CA); (2008) Env LR 2

Acting in this matter regarding the legality of shipments of waste metal to a German recycling facility as a matter of German law and the relevant EU regulation on the transshipment of waste.

Rosenberg v Nazarov [2008] All ER (D) 57 (Apr)

Acting in relation to an application to strike out proceedings on grounds of abuse of process where two sets of almost identical proceedings had been brought before the Court; addressed the remedies for a partnership claim.

Texuna International v Cairn Energy [2005] 1 BCLC 579

Addressing the correct approach to an award of security for costs against a claimant located outside the EU and in a jurisdiction where the enforcement of a costs award would be difficult.

Wandsworth Borough Council v Railtrack Plc [2002] QB 756 (CA); [2001] 1 WLR 368

Acting in this case regarding whether Railtrack could be liable in public nuisance as a result of mess caused under railway bridges by roosting pigeons.

Hamilton v Fayed [2001] EMLR 15 (CA)

Obtaining judgment by fraud/in a manner amounting to abuse of process.

Notable Commercial Disputes cases

X v Y

Advising on the enforcement of a judgment arising from proceedings before a Russian Court and on the availability of an anti-suit injunction to restrain the Russian proceedings.

Little Bridge World Ltd v Hitachi Solutions Europe Limited

Acting for the defendant at the trial of a claim for damages of over £14 million for breach of a software distribution agreement.

Grentex & Company Private Ltd v Brintons Carpets Ltd

Acting for the defendant in obtaining a stay of proceedings under article 34 of the Brussels Regulation (Recast) in favour of parallel proceedings before the Indian Courts.

HDFC Bank Ltd v Essar Steel India Ltd

Acting for the defendant to a claim for repayment of \$19 million loan facilities, which raised issues as to the effect under Indian law of a compulsory restructuring mechanism established by the Reserve Bank of India.

X v A firm of Solicitors

Instructed for the claimant to advise on a potential claim for negligence governed by German law arising from legal advice given in connection with the restructuring of various securities.

X v Y

Acting for the defendant to arbitration proceedings which raised an issue of Saudi law.

X v Y

Acting for a claimant bringing arbitration proceedings in a claim for \$27 million governed entirely by Kazakh law.

Catalyst Recycling v Nickelhutte Aue

Appearing on behalf of the successful claimant, both at trial and before the Court of Appeal, in a claim turning on the legality under German law of the import of metal catalysts into Germany. The claim also raised issues as to the interpretation of the relevant EC regulation, repudiatory breach of contract and the extent of recoverable damages.

Insurance

Reported Insurance cases

Tektrol v International Insurance Company of Hanover [2005] 2 Lloyd's Rep 701 (CA); [2005] Lloyd's Rep IR 358

Acting in a dispute over the construction of the exclusions within a business interruption insurance policy and how the exclusion clauses operated where the loss was caused by two independent events.

International Arbitration

Reported International Arbitration cases

Profilate Italia v Painewebber Inc [2001] 1 Lloyd's Rep 715

Acting in relation to an application to set aside an arbitration award on the ground of fraud.

Professional Discipline

Giles has experience of advising and acting in professional disciplinary matters involving solicitors (acting both for the Law Society and for solicitors), in connection with both interventions and other aspects of solicitors' professional obligations. Giles has appeared in the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal, and in appeals from that Tribunal, on numerous

occasions (acting for both the SRA and Respondents). Giles regularly advises solicitors on regulatory matters, including conflicts of interest, confidentiality obligations, the application of money laundering regulations, and responding to SRA investigations. Giles also has recent experience in acting for solicitors faced with applications for the production of documents under s.236 or s.366 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Giles has experience of professional disciplinary matters relating to accountants and other financial services professionals and has experience of judicial review proceedings in a regulatory context.

Notable Professional Discipline cases

SRA v Paterson

Acting for the Respondent in a 3-day hearing before the SDT successfully resisting allegations that the Respondent had acted improperly by listening to a Zoom meeting in which his client was participating in order to provide legal advice as the meeting was ongoing.

SRA v Martin

Acting for the SRA in an 11-day hearing before the SDT (and a subsequent appeal to the Divisional Court) concerning a large number of allegations arising out of work carried out by the respondent solicitor in connection with probate work, which resulted in the respondent being struck off. The SDT's findings were fully upheld on appeal.

SRA v Pinner & Morris

Acting for the respondents in a three-day hearing before the SDT which raised issues regarding whether clients had been sufficiently informed of a conflict of interest to which the respondents were subject.

Tawfiq v Tawfiq

Acting for the respondent in successfully opposing an application in the Central Family Court which sought to prevent the respondent's solicitors from continuing to act for her in ancillary relief proceedings on the ground of a breach of duties of confidentiality alleged to have been owed by those solicitors to the applicant.

SRA v Broadbridge & Grimes

Acting for the SRA in a hearing before the Disciplinary Tribunal concerning allegations of breaches of the solicitors' accounts rules, breaches of money laundering regulations, and allegations of mis-conduct in connection with the payment of a trainee solicitor.

SRA v Spio-Aidoo

Acting for the SRA in the Disciplinary Tribunal addressing whether it was proper for a solicitor to sign the statement of truth on a claim form in blank (such a practice having developed amongst certain solicitors handling immigration work).

SRA v King

Acting for the SRA in six-day hearing before the Disciplinary Tribunal regarding allegations of perjury and operating as a solicitor without proper authorisation.

SRA v Gbajabiamila

Acting for the SRA in pursuing allegations of misconduct in the Disciplinary Tribunal which arose out of the findings of an Employment Tribunal that the solicitor had assaulted and otherwise mistreated a domestic employee and had given unreliable evidence to the Employment Tribunal.

Ighalo v Solicitors Regulation Authority [2013] EWHC 661 (Admin)

Acting for the SRA in responding to an appeal against a Disciplinary Tribunal ruling which was brought on the ground of an allegation of bias made against a Tribunal member on the ground of his previous role as an SRA adjudicator.

Professional Negligence

Giles regularly acts and advises in relation to professional negligence claims for and against a number of professions, with particular experience in relation to both solicitors, directors and financial professionals, including investment managers, accountants and actuaries. Giles has been instructed in a number of substantial professional negligence claims and has also recently dealt with claims against investment managers, solicitors, insurance brokers and professional trustees. In addition, Giles has handled litigation against various other professionals, including architects and engineers.

Notable Professional Negligence cases

X v Y

Instructed to act as an English law expert in Swiss proceedings, giving evidence on the duties owed by directors under English law and the consequences of a breach of duty, in particular in the context of a director of an English company exercising corporate voting rights as a shareholder in a Swiss subsidiary.

Montvale v Terra Raf Trans Trading

Instructed for the BVI liquidator of the claimant in pursuing a substantial claim for breach of duty against its former director, based on the use of company funds to support other companies under common ownership.

SPL v Addison

Instructed on behalf of the claimant investment funds (each cells of a Guernsey incorporated cell company) in proceedings brought in Guernsey (which went to trial in February 2017) against a former director, alleging breach of duty in the management of the funds (including in the supervision of the work of the funds' investment manager).

X v A firm of Solicitors

Instructed for the claimant to advise on a potential claim for negligence governed by German law arising from legal advice given in connection with the restructuring of various securities.

Wilson v HSBC

Instructed for the defendant to a claim alleging negligent advice in respect of the claimant's participation in a film-finance partnership designed to mitigate tax liability and which was later subject to HMRC challenge. The case raises issues of limitation and scope of duty, as well as whether the original advice had under-stated the risk of the scheme.

SPL v Arch Financial Products LLP & Farrell

Acting (led by Richard Coleman KC) on behalf of the claimant investment funds (each cells of a Guernsey incorporated cell company) in pursuing a claim for negligence and breach of fiduciary duty against their former investment manager (and claims of dishonest assistance against its principal) which was entrusted with the management of assets in excess of \$150 million.

Independent Insurance v Watson Wyatt

Instructed on behalf of the liquidators of Independent Insurance in pursuing claims for around £350 million alleging negligence in the conduct of actuarial reviews of the reserves of Independent. This very substantial litigation raised numerous issues, including the scope of an actuary's duty of care (and liability for unprofitable business) and the impact of fraudulent activity on the actuary's work.

Independent Insurance v KPMG

Instructed on behalf of the liquidators of Independent Insurance in pursuing a claim arising out of the same facts against the auditors of Independent.

Directory Quotes

"He is fantastic." "He is extremely quick turning work around and fantastic on his feet. Giles has the ability to get on top of a legal conundrum however difficult the question might be."

Chambers & Partners

"Very intelligent and a go-to barrister for financial services disputes. Giles provides a full service including on the banking, investment, financial products and fintech side."

The Legal 500

"He is very thorough and diligent. I like that his advice is very clear and commercial." "Very thorough and hands-on, with very good advice given. He thoroughly deserves his promotion to QC."

Chambers & Partners

"A real pleasure to work with for instructing solicitors and clients alike, and someone who is also not afraid to take an aggressive stance." "He's very considered and diligent and can produce fantastic documents in a very short space of time."

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"He's top-notch. His drafting skills are excellent, he's great on his feet, is very user-friendly and his advice is sound."

Chambers & Partners

"Really willing to roll up sleeves, very collaborative and excellent at strategy."

Chambers & Partners

"Giles is a superb oral advocate coupled with excellent written advocacy skills. Giles is a go-to barrister for banking disputes, payment disputes as well as fintech disputes."

The Legal 500

"Giles is meticulous in his analysis and quickly identifies the strengths and weakness of the case."

The Legal 500

Directory Rankings

Chambers & Partners

- Banking & Finance

The Legal 500

- Banking & Finance (including Consumer Credit)
- Professional Negligence

Education

- LLM (First Class), Cantab (1997)
- MA (First Class), Cantab (1996)

Appointments, Memberships and Prizes

- Everard Ver Heyden Foundation Prize (1998)
- Bar Council Certificate of Honour (1998)
- Lechmere Essay Prize (1998)
- Astbury Scholarship (1997)
- Harmsworth Entrance Exhibition (1997)
- Ziegler Prize for Law (1996 & 1997)
- C J Hamson Prize (1996)
- Willoughby Prize (1994 & 1995)
- Squire Scholarships (1994-1996)

Publications

- *Journal of Professional Negligence* – *Barker v Baxendale Walker Solicitors*: The duty to warn re-visited (2018)
- *Journal of Professional Negligence* – *Barker v Baxendale Walker Solicitors*: Negligent advice on statutory

interpretation and the need for a warning (2016)

- *Journal of Professional Negligence – Mehjoo v Harben Barker* (2015)
- *Assicurazioni Generali Spa v CGU International Insurance Plc* – following the settlements without question-article for Sweet & Maxwell *Insurance & Reinsurance Law Briefing* (July 2003)
- Author of the chapter on passenger airline tickets and baggage checks in *Carriage by Air* (Butterworths, 2001)
- Contributing editor of *Commercial Court Procedure* (2001)

Awards

