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TIMOTHY RAGGATT QC

Chris Bryden – Barrister

Called 2003

Commercial and Property CV

Education & Qualifications

- MA (Oxon.), (Jurisprudence) Magdalen College, Oxford
- LLM (Merit), University College London
- Visiting Fellow, University of Bedfordshire (2011-)
- Qualified to undertake Public Access work
- Accredited to provide Public Access training
- Registered Pupil Supervisor
- Ethics and Advocacy Trainer, University of Law (2011-)
- Elected Member of the Bar Council and member of the Ethics Committee (2016-18)
- Member of the Property Bar Association and Construction Law Society

What Clients Say

“High quality work and excellent judgment”

“One of our preferred barristers”

“In depth legal knowledge, excellent communication skills and a great advocate”

“Delivers excellent results”

“Knowledgeable, proactive and very pleasant to deal with”

“A thorough and fearless advocate”

Commercial and Property

Chris is the Secretary to the Chambers Civil Group. He has wide-ranging expertise in contractual and commercial disputes, construction, issues relating to real property, trespass, nuisance, disputes under the Occupiers' Liability Acts, Party Wall Act claims, civil and commercial leases and disputes

involving the Land Registry. He is regularly instructed to advise and act on complex commercial cases or on novel points of law. He has significant experience of multi-day disputes including adverse possession, disrepair, and disputes involving contentions under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 and proprietary estoppel, as well as commercial disputes between parties.

Chris also deals with disputes arising out of residential and commercial tenancies, particularly forfeiture, guarantee and service charge disputes. He has experience of the public, private and commercial sectors and has regularly been instructed in multi-day possession trials. He also has significant experience of leasehold enfranchisement and service charge disputes.

Chris acts regularly in TLATA disputes and has a reputation for an unrivalled knowledge of the law. Recent cases include [Sparkasse Köln Bonn v Cutts & Anor](#) [2018] EWHC 1879 (Ch). He has lectured widely on the various developments in the law of co-ownership in recent years and his Masters degree also included the study of advanced trusts and equity. He also has a particular interest in secret and half-secret trusts.

Chris has acted in a vast number of contentious probate cases and disputes over wills, including allegations of lack of capacity, undue influence and want of knowledge and approval. He has been instructed on a number of occasions in High Court actions arising out of contested wills. He has also been instructed on numerous occasions in respect of mediations arising out of disputes over wills.

Chris is an unrivalled draughtsman, regularly preparing complex pleadings in commercial and property matters. He has a reputation for practical and pragmatic written advice and is often instructed at an early stage of the proceedings to work closely with lay and professional clients to achieve the best possible and most cost-effective outcome.

Seminars

Chris enjoys preparing and presenting seminars on various areas of the law, both in Chambers as part of its ongoing seminar program and in house directly to solicitors. His seminars are CPD accredited and he is happy to prepare seminars specifically on request by solicitors in areas of law that may be of interest to them.

Publications

Chris is a prolific author of legal articles and papers, which regularly appear in various legal journals. He has recently been appointed to the panel of expert authors of the New Law Journal and is commissioned to produce at least six articles for them per year. His first book, *Social Media in the Workplace*, was published by Jordan Publishing in 2015.