



Chris Bryden – Barrister

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#### **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 and head of the Property Team. 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 (land registration, adverse possession etc). 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 frequently appears in the High Court, County Court and First Tier Tribunal, dealing 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 deals with matters including service charges, enfranchisement and lease extensions and matters relating to the construction of leases. His technical expertise is commonly called upon in respect of more legally complicated matters, including recently a multi-party dispute relating to ownership of a rear courtyard with linked adverse possession cross-claims; and acts for landlords, tenants, residents’ associations and RTM companies, amongst others. He was recently instructed with regard to cross-applications relating to dispensation from section 20 consultation requirements, approval of future service charges and a challenge to those and other



charges in respect of a residential development of in excess of 300 flats. He is involved in an ongoing basis in a large commercial dispute relating to block contracts in a large Metropolitan area. His commercial knowledge is particularly appreciated in real property cases with a contractual element.

Chris acts regularly in TLATA disputes and has a reputation for an unrivalled knowledge of the law. Recent cases include Sparkasse Koln 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 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.

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