

Graeme Sampson

Called to the Bar in 1981 Graeme has gained a wide experience in civil law. With wide experience in all forms of litigation, including historically crime, particularly fraud. He now specialises in construction, property and commercial disputes.

He is a dynamic and effective advocate. Down to earth and practical he has a clear understanding of client needs and the economic realities of litigation. He has conducted numerous serious, complex and lengthy trials. He has very wide experience in all forms of ADR being an experienced mediator (formerly Head of Mediation at 3PB Chambers), a construction adjudicator and has appeared in a number of commercial and construction arbitrations.

He also has considerable experience of advising clients as to non-litigious matters, particular involving the interpretation of regulatory matters for commercial organisations.

He has experience of regulatory issues and has for some years sat as a Legal assessor for the Nursing and Midwifery council (NMC) and has sat as chair of an Appeal Committee relating to university degree approvals for an international health regulator.

Graeme is qualified to undertake public access work and so can represent individuals and companies without the employment of a solicitor. If you are interested in instructing him on this basis please contact the clerks.
Recommendations

Client testimonials:

“I was so impressed by your amazing memory and grasp of the case in such a short time. And your quick understanding of the type of person I have been dealing with all this time. And what affect it has had on my health. I feel so reassured being your client. And know I have the best possible chance with you on my side. I cannot express how much I appreciate your help.”

“Graeme Sampson deals with construction and general commercial litigation – laid back but robust in cross



Year of Call: 1981

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examination. He is commercially aware, skilfully handles complex issues and is good at communicating what the strategy or solution should be. An excellent specialist.”

(Instructing solicitor)

“Strong and positive advice, excellent with clients in conference and as good on his feet as you would expect of a professional with more than 30 years of experience.

Inspires confidence.” (Instructing solicitor)

“Graeme is approachable and knowledgeable, with broad experience of built environment disputes. He is commercial and effective in court.” (Instructing solicitor)

‘Highly experienced barrister acting across all types of technically sophisticated construction disputes on behalf of contractors, subcontractors and employers. Regularly advises in adjudication, mediation and arbitration proceedings. Strengths: “Very accommodating, quick, dynamic and extremely good at cutting through any irrelevant material.” “Very down to earth and always offers practical advice.’

Chambers UK 2017/Construction

‘Experienced practitioner who acts for both supplier and purchaser-side clients. He is instructed on the full gamut of construction law matters.

Strengths: “He is good at gathering together many strands and putting together good, unified advice.” “He is commercially aware, skillfully handles complex issues and is good at communicating what the strategy or solution should be.’

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‘He has expertise in a wide range of building and engineering disputes.’

Legal 500 2014/Construction

Further information

Education

- BA (Hons) Law

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Accredited Mediator
- Adjudicator – Construction Contracts

Professional bodies

- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)
- Technology & Construction Bar Association (TECBA)
- The Society of Construction law
- Standing Conference of Mediation Advocates

Direct Access

Graeme Sampson is qualified to and happy to accept instructions directly from members of the public and professional clients under the Direct Public Access scheme.

Professional Negligence

Graeme has been in practice for 30 years and throughout has maintained a professional negligence practice. Developing a practice which began with an emphasis on medical negligence claims he now acts in respect of a range of professional activities including lawyers, accountants and has a particular focus upon construction professionals. He acts for claimants (both individuals and corporate) and defendants; the professionals and their insurers.

He has wide experience of dealing with the particular issues and disputes which arise under insurance claims, including coverage and policy wording . He has wide experience of the commercial issues which arise for insurers handling claims and is able to advise upon such issues from a commercial and practical outlook.

Recent experience

- Multi-million pound solicitors negligence claim arising from failure to consider the Athens Convention.
- Solicitors negligence claim arising from failure to advise as to restrictive covenant affecting development land.
- Claim against architect in respect of works to listed church .
- Claim against engineers over defective steelworks to railways bridges .
- Claim against solicitors arising from failure to advise as to effect of business sale agreement.
- Claim against solicitors arising from allegedly negligent conveyance of solar panel farm in Cornwall.

Notable Cases:

Bass Taverns Ltd v Carford Catering Ltd [2002] EWCA Civ. Court of Appeal – abuse of process, striking out.

Graham v Entec Ltd [2003] 4 All ER 1345, 92 Con LR 35 . Court of Appeal – extent of loss adj usters ‘ “knowledge”, Limitation Act 1980.

Mason v Richard Freeman & Co [2010] All ER (DI 241 (Marl, [2010] EWCA Civ 287 – Court of Appeal claim against solicitors following negligent/dishonest conveyancing transaction.

Six Continents Retail Ltd v Carford Catering Ltd [2003]

EWCA Civ 1790. – Court of Appeal – break in chain of causation where negligence alleged.

Warner v Penningtons (a firm) and others [2010] All

ER (DI 106 (Jul) [2010] EWHC 1753 (QB) – representing solicitors in seven figure professional negligence claim arising from settlement of personal injury action. Issue as to liability of expert witness