

Clive Blackwood



Head of the Chambers' Commercial Group, Clive Blackwood has deep experience of a wide range of commercial contentious and non-contentious matters, particularly in the fields of insurance and reinsurance litigation, banking and insolvency, company and partnerships, general contractual work and employment law.

Educated in Scotland and at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, Clive was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple (Profumo Scholar) in 1986 and qualified as a mediator in 2006. He undertakes mediation work both as an advocate and mediator, specialising in SMEs, shareholder disputes, professional and family partnerships, LLPs and companies, internal corporate and employment related disputes. He is the author of the "Mediation – Best Practice Guide" for one of the country's leading mediation practices.

In addition to his legal practice, Clive has served as a director of a number of companies, including a national mediation company and at PLC Board level, and has inside knowledge of both local (City of London Corporation, London Boroughs) and national government. He therefore brings substantial practical experience to the issues that arise in the commercial field, undertaking both contentious and non-contentious drafting and advisory work.



Year of Call: 1986

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Commercial

A Claimant based Commercial Court practice principally dealing with coverage issues in the business context, including very substantial fire, flood, property and disease cases. Clients tend to be national and regional companies, but also extend to individuals with significant claims against well-known national and international insurers.

Company

Company and partnership work, including shareholder



disputes, fiduciary and directors' duties, group companies, director's disqualification applications and minority shareholders' claims, partnership dissolutions, policy and succession disputes and accounts actions. Particular experience of start-ups and SMEs. Member of the Commercial Bar Association ("COMBAR").

Employment

Extensive experience of unfair and wrongful dismissal cases, including redundancy and business re-organisation dismissals, TUPE and whistleblowing claims, and complex and high value commercial employment disputes. Particularly concerned with matters of directors' duties and obligations and resultant employment/shareholder disputes. Member of the Employment Law Association.

Insolvency

All types of banking and insolvency related matters, including securities, guarantees and indemnities, finance and credit transactions, supply of goods and services, bankers' duties and regulatory disputes. Member of R3, the trade association for insolvency and restructuring professionals in the UK.

