

Dominic Bright



Dominic practises primarily in commercial and property law.

He appeared as sole counsel on behalf of the first appellant in a conjoined, two-day appeal before the Court of Appeal. Dominic was seconded to the world's largest publicly-traded property and casualty insurer. He attended what is *'internationally recognised as arguably the best and most intensive advocacy course in the world.'*

Dominic was judicial assistant to Sir Brian Leveson (then President of the Queen's Bench Division).



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Publications

Dominic assists authors to publish academic articles and professional texts on national and international law. He also publishes in his own right.

Books

- 'A Practical Guide to the Small Claims Track (Second Edition)' (Law Brief Publishing, December 2020)
- 'Trespass to Land' in volume 40(1) of *Atkin's Court Forms* (Practice and Forms) (assisted the contributor, *Simon Brilliant*, LexisNexis, August 2019)

Articles

- 'Academia, The Judiciary & Practical Legal Scholarship' (Association of District Judges Bulletin, January 2022)
- 'Staying on Track: Ten Key Points that PI Lawyers Should Know About the Small Claims Track' (PI Focus, March 2020)
- 'The CICC and the Rule of Law: Fair, Transparent and Convenient? What You Need to Know About China's New International Commercial Court' (Counsel Magazine, September 2019)
- 'Section 21 Sent Packing' (New Law Journal, Issue 7838, 2 May 2019)
- 'Treaty-Making Within the British Commonwealth'



Seminars / training

Dominic attended the [2022 Advanced International Advocacy Course at Keble College, Oxford](#). He accepts invitations to present seminars / training from professional clients and attends other professional events.

Recent events

- [‘Property Bar Conference 2023 – Torrents of Change and Reform in Property Law’](#) (Lincoln’s Inn, November 2023)
- [‘Civil Mediation Council Annual Conference 2023’](#) (Remote, October 2023)
- [‘Short Course: War in Ukraine in Context: History, Politics and Law’](#) (British Institute of International and Comparative Law, May-June 2023)
- [‘Civil Mediation Council Annual Conference 2022’](#) (Remote, November 2022)
- [‘Property Bar Association Conference 2022 – The Current State of Real Estate’](#) (Lincoln’s Inn, November 2022)
- [‘Team Working Tools for Barristers’](#) (Middle Temple, June 2022)
- [‘International Law in Future Frontiers’](#) (Chatham House, May 2022)
- [‘Mediation and Negotiation Masterclass’](#) (Property Bar Association, April 2022)
- [‘Revisiting: We, the Robots’](#) (British Institute of International and Comparative Law, March 2022)
- [‘PBA Annual Dinner 2021’](#) (Globe Theatre, London, December 2021)
- [‘PBA Conference 2021 – Property Litigation in a World of Change’](#) (November 2021)
- [‘Civil Mediation Council Annual Conference 2021’](#) (Remote, November 2021)
- [‘Junior PBA Webinar – Dilapidations and Disrepair’](#) (Remote, July 2021)
- [‘Civil Mediation Council Annual Conference 2020’](#) (Remote, November 2020)
- [‘Short Course: Public International Law in Practice’](#) (British Institute of International and Comparative Law, September 2020)
- [‘Short Course: Law of the Sea’](#) (British Institute of International and Comparative Law, September 2020)

Further information

Dominic holds two postgraduate qualifications, is an active member of various domestic and international professional associations, and enjoys gardening, travelling



and learning about geopolitics when time permits.

Qualifications

- Master of Laws (LL.M) in Professional Legal Practice (incorporating the BPTC), BPP University Law School, London Holborn, awarded Distinction
- Master of Laws (LL.M), King's College London, School of Law, awarded Distinction
- Law (LLB Hons) with European Legal Studies, King's College London, School of Law (incorporating an Erasmus exchange at Uppsala University, Sweden)

Memberships

- [British Institute of International and Comparative Law](#)
- [Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs](#)
- [Civil Mediation Council](#)
- [Commercial Bar Association](#)
- [Property Bar Association](#)
- [South Eastern Circuit](#)
- [Technology and Construction Bar Association](#)

Interests

- Training "Merlin" the German Shepherd, playing the VAD 706 [V-Drums Acoustic Design](#), and horse-riding
- Conserving a Sixteenth-Century, Grade II listed property of special architectural and historic interest, as a member of [The Listed Property Owners' Club](#)
- National, regional and global threats, challenges and opportunities including the changing nature of geopolitics in relation to sustainable growth, prevention of conflict, and development of the rule of law

Appeals

Dominic provides advice, drafting and representation in first appeals (against the judgment of a trial judge) and second appeals (against the judgment of an appeal court).

Second

- [London Borough of Islington v Borous \[2022\] EWCA Civ 1242](#): applied for permission to appeal and, having been granted, appeared as sole counsel on behalf of the first appellant in a conjoined, two-day, live-streamed appeal before the Court of Appeal (June 2022).

First

- *K v T* – successfully made submissions, so



applications to adjourn and for permission to appeal were refused, and judgment for over £32,000, over £2,000 interest, £14,000 costs and transfer to the High Court for enforcement was awarded (January 2024).

- Conjoined appeals: *B v A and C v A* – successfully represented the respondents, so that, although the appeals were allowed, judgment was entered for less than £800 in the former and less than £1,300 in the latter, and, despite accepting that (different) trial counsel had led the judge into error, resisted a finding of unreasonable conduct (July 2022).
- *H v F* – appellant’s notice and grounds of appeal alleging that the judge was wrong to hold that the burden of proving need to hire for social and domestic use was satisfied on the evidence of a bare assertion. Email from professional client, dated 15 July 2022: *‘We have reviewed these documents this morning and we are very happy with them.’*
- *S v G & Anor* – successfully resisted an appeal (against summary judgment in respect of the first appellant, default judgment in respect of the second appellant, and judgment against both appellants for more than £105,000, about £7,000 interest, and costs of £17,000) with costs awarded on the indemnity basis (May 2021).
- *K v K* – successfully applied for permission to appeal on the basis that the judge fell into error in failing to award contractual costs in a possession claim (March 2020).
- *S v A & Anor* – successfully settled an appeal on the day of the appeal hearing, so that the defendants agreed to give the claimant possession forthwith (November 2019).

Testimonials

Feedback from (lay and professional) clients includes:

- *‘Dominic is a great barrister’* (email from lay client and CEO to professional client, dated 17 November 2023).
- *‘great result’* (email from professional client, dated 29 September 2023).
- *‘Great result thanks Dominic!’* (Email from professional client and Partner, dated 25 July 2023).
- *‘[The lay client] thought you were great by the way’* (email from professional client, dated 12 July 2023).
- *‘a great outcome’* (email from professional client, dated 26 June 2023).
- *‘Cracking result’* (email from professional client, dated 13 March 2023).
- *‘Excellent result’* (email from professional client, dated 28 February 2023).
- *‘very successful ... Dominic had fully mastered his*



brief and was able to argue the matter persuasively in an immaculate presentation.' (Email from lay client to practice manager, dated 22 February 2022).

- *'Dominic Bright was fantastic'* (email from professional client, dated 15 December 2022).
- *'As ever an absolutely fantastic result on this one'* (email from professional client, dated 8 November 2022).
- *'Dominic Bright ... was an absolute bulldog and did not let any matter go unchallenged. ... his knowledge in this area of law was outstanding and his professional manner and courtesy as well as attention to details was exemplary'* (email from lay to professional client, dated 6 December 2022).
- *'Fantastic result Dominic ... Brilliant!'* (Email from professional client, dated 2 September 2022).
- *'great result'* (email from professional client, dated 20 July 2022).
- *'amazing!'* (Email from professional client and Partner, dated 2 July 2022).
- *'extremely impressed with Dominic's performance'* (email from professional client, dated 1 July 2022).
- *'Great result!'* (Email from professional client, dated 19 April 2022).
- *'a real asset that you should look after'* (email from lay client, dated 14 April 2022).
- *'I am still in shock. I blame brilliant advocacy'* (email from professional client, dated 13 April 2022).
- *'excellent result yesterday'* (email from professional client, dated 29 March 2022).
- *'sterling work yesterday'* (email from professional client, dated 3 March 2022).
- *'Cracking result'* (email from professional client, dated 3 March 2022).
- *'Fab result'* (email from professional client, dated 2 February 2022).
- *'excellent result'* (email from professional client, dated 31 January 2022).
- *'a stellar result'* (email from professional client, dated 17 December 2021).
- *'the best person to fight this case. ... His questions, his manner, just everything about him was brilliant'* (email from lay client, dated 16 December 2021).
- *'Great result'* (email from professional client, dated 15 December 2021).
- *'great result'* (email from professional client, dated 15 December 2021).
- *'great outcome – reflected in the excellent costs order'* (email from professional client, dated 13 December 2021).
- *'excellent job on this, always impressed with the time and detail you put into work on cases'* (email



from professional client, dated 10 December 2021).

- *'What a cracker of a result!!'* (Email from professional client, dated 1 December 2021).
- *'Great results today'* (WhatsApp from professional client, dated 4 October 2021).
- *'excellent'* (email from professional client, dated 1 October 2021).
- *'Great result!'* (email from professional client, dated 7 September 2021).
- *'great result!'* (email from professional client, dated 31 August 2021).
- *'great result!'* (Email from professional client, dated 25 August 2021).
- *'Amazing result, absolutely chuffed'* (email from professional client, dated 18 August 2021).
- *'Excellent outcome'* (email from professional client, dated 20 July 2021).
- *'Bril'* (email from professional client, dated 19 July 2021).
- *'cracking result'* (email from professional client and Partner, dated 15 July 2021).
- *'great result!!'* (Email from professional client, dated 13 July 2021).
- *'great result!'* (Email from professional client, dated 5 July 2021).
- *'fantastic outcome'* (email from professional client, dated 17 June 2021).
- *'excellent result'* (email from professional client, dated 24 May 2021).
- *'fantastic result as ever'* (email from professional client, dated 9 April 2021).
- *'as always you've done an amazing job'* (email from professional client, dated 26 March 2021).
- *'Brilliant result'* (email from professional client and Partner, dated 19 March 2021).
- *'Brilliant outcome'* (email from professional client, dated 17 March 2021).
- *'really good result'* (email from professional client, dated 16 March 2021).
- *'fantastic result especially on costs'* (email from professional client (partner), dated 8 February 2021).
- *'Great result as always'* (email from professional client, dated 3 February 2021).
- *'Cracking result!!'* (Email from professional client, dated 21 January 2021).
- *'smashing result!!'* (Email from professional client, dated 11 December 2020).
- *'Fantastic result'* (email from professional client, dated 4 December 2020).
- *'fantastic result!'* (Email from professional client, dated 7 October 2020).
- *'an excellent win'* (email from professional client, dated 21 August 2020).
- *'Great result!'* (Email from professional client, dated 13



July 2020).

- *'wow. Just wow'* (email from professional client, dated 7 July 2020).
- *'I am 100% fully satisfied'* (message from lay client, received by professional client, dated 11 June 2020).
- *'great result as always!'* (Email from professional client, dated 29 May 2020).
- *'Great results'* (email from professional client, dated 15 May 2020).
- *'Great result!'* (email from lay client, dated 13 February 2020).
- *'Another brilliant result'* (email from professional client, dated 22 January 2020).
- *'I was very impressed'* (email from professional client, dated 21 December 2019).
- *'fantastic result!'* (Email from professional client, dated 15 November 2019).
- *'a comprehensive and sterling defence'* (email from lay client, dated 18 September 2019).
- *'What a brilliant result!'* (Email from professional client, dated 14 August 2019).
- *'extremely pleased with the result'* (email from professional client, dated 18 February 2019).
- *'fantastic outcome'* (email from professional client, dated 5 February 2019).



Technology

Dominic has a particular interest in advising, representing and supporting individuals, governmental and non-governmental organisations on national, regional and international norms regulating emerging, existing and evolving technologies. This includes small, unmanned aircraft on which he wrote a leading article: ['Drones, Airprox and the Regulatory Environment: Cause for Concern?'](#)

He is the editor of [Jus Cogens](#), the online journal providing news, expert analysis and compelling opinion with an eye to the emergence, regulation and enforcement of hard and soft norms surrounding novel technologies. Dominic was a legal intern in national implementation measures at the [Verification Research, Training and Information Centre](#), providing cost-free assistance to interested states for adherence to and legislative implementation of international instruments, including those focusing on chemical, biological, nuclear



and radiological weapons and the security of related materials. He was also commissioned by [Stephen Tromans QC](#) – a leading practitioner in oil and gas exploration, nuclear and renewable energy – to assist with updating the seminal practitioner text: [Nuclear Law \(2010\)](#).

Dominic was awarded Distinction for the module 'Law and the Technologies of the Twenty-First Century' as part of a Master of Laws (LLM) at King's College London. He was taught by [Professor Roger Brownsword](#): author of [Law, Technology and Society: Re-imagining the Regulatory Environment \(2019\)](#); founding general editor of the journal [Law, Innovation and Technology](#); and on the editorial board of [Modern Law Review](#), [International Journal of Law and Information Technology](#), and [Journal of Law and the Biosciences](#).