

# Barrister: Christopher Wilson

## Overview:

Chris is an experienced civil practitioner specialising in commercial arbitrations and property disputes, general civil litigation and professional negligence work.

He is authorised to sit as a recorder in both criminal and civil cases and is a CEDR accredited mediator. He is an advocacy trainer for Gray's Inn and has acted for the Bar Standards Board in disciplinary proceedings against barristers. He is an editor of Sweet & Maxwell's Landlord and Tenant law reports.

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## Commercial & Civil

### Commercial & Civil:

Chris has undertaken a number of lengthy and highly technical commercial arbitrations on behalf of Government departments for more than 20 years. He has considerable experience in arbitration procedure and in the use of electronic document management, e-disclosure and predictive coding systems, including Relativity, Case Logistix and Concordance.

His civil litigation experience includes sale of goods and hire purchase, building disputes, advertising contracts and bailment and actions on behalf of High Court Enforcement officers and bailiffs. Chris regularly deals with general chancery litigation, including partnership disputes and property disputes between cohabitants.

Chris is noted for his practical and common-sense approach to resolving disputes. He is a team player who understands the commercial aspects of litigation.

## Notable Cases

### Commercial

- **Amec Group Ltd v Secretary of State for Defence [2013] EWHC 110 (TCC) (Coulson J):** Arbitrators had been right to find that a capping clause in a maximum price target costs contract for the design and construction of a nuclear submarine facility required the Secretary of State for Defence to pay only actual costs reasonably and properly incurred to a maximum of £141 million. It could not have been intended that the contractor could recover costs above the cap even if unreasonably and improperly incurred.

### Civil

- **Braganza v BP Shipping Ltd [2015] UKSC 17:** The Supreme Court held that the decision of a fact-finder under a contract must be rational in the Wednesbury sense.
- **Thomas Cook Tour Operations Ltd v Louis Hotels SA [2013] EWHC**



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### Appointments:

CEDR Accredited Mediator (2004),  
Recorder (2002)

### Education:

LLB Liverpool (1979)

### Practice areas

- Arbitration
- Commercial and Property
- Court of Protection
- Mediation
- Professional Negligence

### Recent News

- Andrew Ritchie QC and Shahram Sharghy represent the families of the victims of a terrorist attack at an Algerian gas plant in 2013
- Prosecution can give notice of an intention to appeal a terminatory ruling by email and not in open court
- Tom Little QC succeeds in Court of Appeal in important case relating to intermediaries.
- The deadline to apply to 9 Gough Square for pupillage commencing in 2020 is 17 February 2019
- Robert McAllister represents Claimant in securing damages following assault at work

**2469 (QB) (Swift J):** The High Court decided that it was not in the interests of justice to make changes on the ground of fresh evidence to a draft judgment giving the claimants summary judgment in their claim against the defendant for breach of contract and ordering the defendant to make an interim payment of £1 million.

- **Robson v Travelscope Holidays Ltd [2012] EWHC (Admlty) 2052 (Teare J):** The prejudice likely to be suffered by the applicants as a result of a two year delay on the part of the respondent in progressing her claim was not such as to render a fair trial impossible and the claim would not be struck out.
- **Braganza v BP Shipping Ltd [2012] EWHC 1423 (Comm) (Teare J):** An employer could not escape contractual liability to pay death benefits where its decision taken under the contract as to how an employee had died failed to take into account a relevant matter.
- **Huntress Search Ltd v Canapeum Ltd [2010] EWHC 1270 (QB) (Eady J):** The Master had been right to refuse to restrain a claim against a High Court enforcement officer where her officers had been heavy-handed in executing a writ of execution.

## Property & Estates

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### Property & Estates:

Chris handles commercial and residential landlord & tenant cases, involving business tenancy renewal, dilapidations, forfeiture, service charges, residential possession and statutory protection of long leaseholders. He also handles boundaries, easements, adverse possession and mortgage possession claims.

### Notable Cases

- **Gemini Press Ltd v Parsons [2012] EWHC 1608 (QB) (Cooke J):** An assignment agreement expressly giving the assignee by name the right to break the lease was exercisable only by the first assignee and not by further assignees.
- **Site Developments (Ferndown) Ltd v Cuthbury [2010] EWHC 10 (Ch) (Vos J):** Transfers of property adjacent to land that was later made up into a road granted an immediate right over the land over which a road was proposed to be built, such that there were no "ransom" strips of private land between the transferred land and the road.

## Prof Negligence

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### Professional Negligence:

His professional negligence experience includes claims against solicitors, barristers, accountants, surveyors and insurance brokers. Chris has dealt with many claims against solicitors arising out of their conduct of property and of personal injury proceedings.

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