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Profile

Called to the Bar in 2016, Mark formerly worked for JPMorgan as a corporate finance analyst in Mergers & Acquisitions, and most recently as a business analyst for a major Indian financial institution. Mark's previous career has taken him to North America, India, Hong Kong, Singapore and Sierra Leone.

Mark presently takes instructions in all of Chambers' practice areas, although his skill set particularly lends itself to chancery, commercial and property work. He is a skilled trial advocate, whose well developed commercial acumen is particularly useful to clients when making strategic decisions about litigation.

As well as working for professional clients, Mark is also Public Access qualified and so can take instructions directly from members of the public. Mark is also frequently instructed to appear on behalf of the Bar Pro Bono Unit.

Further information

Qualifications

- BPTC (Very Competent), BPP London 2016
- GDP (Commendation), BPP London 2015
- MRes (War Studies) (Distinction), King's College London 2010
- MA (Intelligence and International Security) (Distinction), King's College London 2009
- BA (Hons) Politics (First Class, ranked 6th in year), Durham University 2006

Scholarships

- Lord Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)
- Hardwicke Entrance Award (Lincoln's Inn)
- Wolfson Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)
- Excellence Award (BPP London)
- Economic and Social Research Council scholarship (MRes, War Studies)

Recent cases

The Royal Borough of Greenwich v Francis Akagbo & Kafui Sakpaku-Bothchway (B9PP3977), Bromley County Court, 20 November 2017

This case concerned the inducement of the grant a tenancy by deception, where false statements were made by

the tenant. At trial, Mark was successful not only in obtaining possession for the landlord, on the basis that it had been so induced, but also in obtaining a significant money judgment of £6,500 and costs of £5,265.

Elizabeth Davies & Others v Victoria Apartments (Prestatyn) Ltd (LVT/0026/07/16), Welsh Leasehold Valuation Tribunal, 26 September 2017

This case concerned a residential service charge dispute. A group of leaseholders were dissatisfied with the block management company's expenditure of c.£40,000 on non-structurally supportive scaffold, which was said to have been erected to prevent the potential collapse of the block. Mark successfully represented the leaseholders at tribunal in arguing that all but £7,014 of the expense was unreasonable in amount and unreasonably incurred, and therefore could not be lawfully charged to leaseholders. Mark appeared against Counsel of 25 years call.

[A copy of the judgment can be found here](#)

Anderson v Sheil (C8QZ11V4), Wrexham County Court, 22-23 June 2017

Mark was instructed by the Defendant as sole counsel in a two-day multi-track case. The matter concerned a commercial dispute, which was pleaded at c.£38,000. The case was heard before Recorder James Thom QC over two days.

The claim was substantially defeated, with the Defendant being ordered to pay just £1,340 of the total sum claimed. After the trial, Mark successfully negotiated a settlement on costs that resulted in the Claimant paying a net sum to the Defendant in respect of the his costs.

Palmater v Forrester (B02WI786), Willesden County Court, 6 September 2016

Mark successfully acted for the Claimant in a Fast Track trial for a claim for unlawful eviction relating to an AST of one month's duration. In a reserved judgment, the Claimant was awarded just under £8,000 in damages, including for aggravated damages and also a penalty sum under s.214 of the Housing Act 2004, for the failure of the landlord to comply with the requirements concerning the protection of the tenant's deposit.

Palmater v Forrester (B02WI786), Croydon County Court, 1 August 2017

Mark successfully resisted the Defendant's application to put in place a payment plan of £300 per month, in connection with the payment of the judgment debt in the original action. The Defendant's application was dismissed as being totally without merit. As well as recovering the full costs claimed for the hearing, Mark also persuaded the court to impose a civil restraining order on the Defendant, preventing him from making any further applications in connection with the matter without first obtaining permission of the court.

Interests

Cycling, running, cooking and travelling.