

Charles Irvine

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Recommendations

Charles Irvine is an accomplished junior with a growing practice which covers an array of property disputes. He demonstrates impressive expertise in residential and commercial landlord and tenant work, and also acts in cases with elements of trusts law.

"Charles Irvine is calm and collected. His advocacy skills have unquestionably been the deciding factor in winning some complex cases with difficult opponents."

"Charles is a formidable technical presence in both written work and in court. He is considered and thorough and has a calm confidence."

"Charles has a surgical-like approach to matters, quickly dissecting the most complex of matters and attacking it with a laser focus, while putting the client at ease and explaining matters clearly."

Chambers UK 2025/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern Bar

Charles Irvine of 3PB Barristers is a barrister with expertise in commercial litigation, with an emphasis on insolvencies and boardroom disputes. He also has experience in contractual and professional negligence cases.

Strengths: "Charles' main strengths lie in his ability to grasp complex issues promptly and offer practical solutions."

Chambers UK 2025/Commercial Dispute Resolution/South Eastern Bar

Strengths: "Charles is an advocate who inspires confidence in and provides reassurance to instructing solicitors and clients alike."

Chambers UK 2024/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern Bar

Strengths: "He is a highly skilled tactician, he grasps issues quickly and always ensures the client's interests are protected."

"I find that he matches the enthusiasm of the junior counsel but has the methodical approach of a senior."

"Clients like how he approaches the advice and the way in which he keeps them calm and grounded, making sure they understand his thinking and strategy."

Chambers UK 2024/Commercial Dispute Resolution/South Eastern Bar

Charles Irvine is a barrister with expertise in commercial litigation with an emphasis on insolvencies and boardroom disputes. He also has experience in contractual and professional negligence cases.

Strengths: "Charles has a great client manner and is excellent in his written work; he is thorough and firm in his advice, and his legal knowledge is exceptional."

"Charles is very responsive and personable. His drafting is very good and he is technically strong."

Chambers UK 2023/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern Bar

Charles Irvine is a barrister with expertise in commercial litigation and an emphasis on insolvencies and boardroom disputes. He also has experience in contractual and professional negligence cases.

Strengths: "Charles is really bright. His written work is spot on."

"Charles is extremely responsive and quick to pick up nuances. He is a brilliant advocate – technically skilled and knowledgeable."

Chambers UK 2023/Commercial Dispute Resolution /South Eastern Bar

An accomplished junior with a growing practice which covers an array of property disputes. Irvine demonstrates impressive expertise in residential and commercial landlord and tenant work and also acts in cases with elements of trusts law.

Strengths: "Charles is exceptionally commercially minded, both in helping clients focus on their true objectives and, upon reaching those goals, providing total client care in pre-empting further developments following on from his instruction." "He is personable, meticulous and tenacious."

Recent work: Charles successfully defended a school in a claim brought by a local bowling club under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 for the club to continue operating within the school's premises.

Chambers UK 2022/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern Bar

Strengths: "Charles is a barrister who thinks outside of the box and can develop arguments and raise key points that haven't been considered before." "He is thorough and provides clever, commercial advice."

Recent work: Successfully obtained summary judgment on a deed of personal guarantee given by a director of a company, despite allegations of undue influence

Chambers UK 2022/Commercial Dispute Resolution /South Eastern Bar

'Charles is incredibly experienced. His calm and collected disposition veils his powerful advocacy and formidable intellect.'

Legal 500 2025/Commercial Litigation/South Eastern – Ranked Tier 1

'Charles is incredibly personable, which puts both solicitor and client at ease. His advice is commercial and considers the wider picture rather than just the minutia of the law. He is a methodical advocate with a calm, clear, and concise approach.'

Legal 500 2025/Company and Insolvency/South Eastern – Ranked Tier 1

'Charles is always on point, ahead of opponents and ready to assist. He is more than just an expert at his practice. He maximises outcomes, inspires confidence and is impressive in court.'

Charles Irvine is described as 'a formidable presence in court' and successfully acted for the defendant in a claim related to the right of way granted by an express deed, proprietary estoppel, and a right to light.

Legal 500 2025/Property and Construction/South Eastern – Ranked Tier 1

'Charles' drafting of pleadings and attention to detail are strong points. He also provides decisive, commercial views and turns work around quickly.'

Legal 500 2024/Company and Insolvency/South Eastern – Ranked Tier 1

'Charles's firm commandment of a court room in pursuit of a faultless strategy is a sight to behold, much to the elation of clients. He is affable with clients, reassuring with solicitors and most importantly, an outstanding representative for the party he fights for.'

Legal 500 2024/ Property and Construction/ South Eastern Bar/ Leading Junior – Tier 1

Charles Irvine is a 'top-notch tactician' and successfully defended a complex claim, including allegations of fraud, brought by one sister against another in a claim concerning the rectification of deeds upon the division of a large estate.

'Charles' knowledge and experience in construction law are second to none. His drafting of pleadings demonstrates that he can grasp the issues succinctly and effectively articulate them.'

Legal 500 2023/Property and Construction/Leading Juniors/South Eastern Circuit – Ranked Tier 1

'Charles' strengths are his attention to detail, ability to develop and execute effective strategies. He is able to put forward his client's position in an effective and most persuasive way.'

Legal 500 2023/Company and Insolvency/South Eastern – Ranked Tier 1

'Charles is thorough and conscientious, and provides excellent advice. He is a calm and considered advocate.'

Legal 500 2022/Property and Construction/Leading Juniors/South Eastern Circuit

Charles is ranked in the **Legal 500 2022**/Property and Construction/Leading Juniors/South Eastern Circuit edition

'His grasp of the issues and his knowledge of the law are second-to-none.'

Legal 500 2021/Property and Construction/South Eastern

'Turns matters round quickly, is very good value for money and is at the end of the phone to discuss technical queries when the need arises.'

"Charles Irvine at 3PB is adept at handling insolvency matters, particularly with respect to individual bankruptcies and corporate liquidations, including ones involving disputes between company directors."

Legal 500 2021/Company and Insolvency/South Eastern

Academic qualifications

- 2009 - 2010: Bar Vocational Course, City Law School, Graded "Outstanding" (ranking well within the top 20 students that year).
- 2008 - 2009: Graduate Diploma in Law (CPE), City University.
- 2005 - 2008: BA (Hons), University of London (Royal Holloway).

Scholarships

- 2009: Gray's Inn Scholarship to study for the Bar Vocational Course.
- 2008: Society Crest Award for outstanding contribution to the University of London.
- 2005: Bedford Entrance Scholarship to read English at University of London (Royal Holloway).
- Awarded a scholarship to read English at the University of London.