Rob Dawson



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Commercial

Rob Dawson's commercial practice spans a broad range of business disputes, including claims arising from the sale of goods and supply of services, shareholder agreements, misrepresentation, restitution, and consumer credit and consumer rights issues. He is regularly instructed at all stages of litigation and has an active courtroom practice, frequently representing clients at interim hearings involving strike out, summary judgment and set aside applications.

Rob is developing a strong practice in professional liability (see separate tab), and many of his commercial cases involve related issues such as the enforcement of guarantees and indemnities, unpaid debts and questions of contractual interpretation, including the effect of exclusion and limitation clauses. He has appeared in the High Court on multiple occasions to present winding-up petitions and has also appeared before the Court of Public Examination.

Alongside his court work, Rob maintains a substantial advisory and drafting practice. He regularly advises on the prospects of bringing or defending claims, causation and limitation issues, remedies and the assessment of damages. His work often involves providing strategic guidance at the early stages of a dispute in matters involving alleged misrepresentations, shareholder disputes, restitution claims and contractual enforcement.

Recent Work

- Advised on the prospects of success and drafted Particulars of Claim in a dispute concerning the repayment of a company loan pursuant to a personal guarantee provided by shareholders
- Advised a retailer of luxury homeware products on the prospects of obtaining an order for the delivery up of goods arising from the exercise of a lien by a logistics company
- Drafted Particulars of Claim and a Reply and Defence to Counterclaim in a misrepresentation claim on behalf of a contractor arising from the purchase of defective plant and machinery
- Regularly instructed to advise on contractual interpretation and exclusion of liability clauses

Academic qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course (BPP London)
- LLM Construction Law, Arbitration and Adjudication (Robert Gordon University)
- LLM Public International Law (University of Nottingham)
- GDL (Swansea University)
- BA Business and Management (Trinity Saint David)

Scholarships

- Thomas More Scholarship (Lincoln’s Inn)
- Buchanan Prize (Lincoln’s Inn)

Professional qualifications & appointments

- CEDR Adjudication Panel

Professional bodies

- Member of the Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators