



# William Hansen

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## Commercial

William sits as a Deputy Chancery Master and his commercial practice covers the following areas with a distinct Chancery bias to it:

**Company litigation:** directors duties, breach of fiduciary duty, shareholder disputes, unfair prejudice petitions, rectification proceedings and directors' disqualification.

**Partnership:** William has advised and acted in a wide variety of partnership disputes involving accountants, solicitors, vets, farmers, doctors and restaurateurs. He has advised on the full panoply of disputes that can arise including dissolutions and winding-up, partitions and buy-outs and detailed accounts and inquiries.

**Insolvency:** William specialises in all aspects of corporate and personal insolvency and has a particular expertise in those cases where property rights and principles of insolvency meet. William is regularly instructed in relation to applications to restrain advertisement and/or further proceedings on winding up petitions. William is also regularly instructed in relation to applications for permission to institute or continue legal process against a company in administration. William also has a particular interest in all aspects of bankruptcy, including IVAs and applications for charging orders and orders for sale in respect of jointly owned property.

**Fraud, Misrepresentation and Breach of Trust:** William has wide experience of all aspects of civil fraud, including fraudulent misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty and dishonest assistance. Recent cases include fraudulent misrepresentation by a vendor in the context of a sale of land and allegations of breach of fiduciary duty involving the diversion of a corporate opportunity by a senior manager alleged to be a fiduciary.

**Commercial Arbitration and Mediation:** William is a qualified mediator and also has wide experience of both international and domestic arbitration. His diverse case-load has included an international commercial arbitration against the UN involving UNIDROIT principles and a domestic arbitration involving a dispute about the proper interpretation of a reservation of sporting rights.

### Recent cases:

- Top Brands Ltd v. Sharma [2015] EWCA Civ 1140 (illegality)
- Top Brands v. Sharma [2014] EWCA Civ 761 (standing of former liquidator to challenge creditor's proof of debt)
- Balevents Ltd v Sartori [2012] EWCA Civ 1508 (Breach of fiduciary duty, waiver of breach, fresh evidence)
- Metro Nominees Ltd v. Rayment [2008] BCC 40 (Permission to commence forfeiture proceedings against company in administration)
- LCP Retail Ltd v. Segal [2007] BCC 584 (Abandonment of distress)

## **Academic qualifications**

- B.Sc (Econ), First Class, LSE
- M.Phil (Cantab.)
- MBA (London Business School) with Distinction

## **Professional qualifications & appointments**

- Deputy Judge of the Upper Tribunal, Administrative Appeals Chamber
- Recorder
- Deputy Chancery Master
- Judge, First Tier Tribunal, Property Chamber
- Legally Qualified Chair, Police Misconduct Hearings
- Member of the Attorney General's A Panel
- ADR Qualified Mediator

## **Professional bodies**

- Member of the Administrative Law Bar Association
- Member of the Chancery Bar Association
- Member of the Property Bar Association