



# Robin Howard

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## Commercial

Robin's commercial litigation experience includes disputes involving commercial contracts dealing with matters such as agency relationships, business sale agreements, franchise agreements, insurance policies, joint venture agreements, sale of goods, supply of goods and services, share sale agreements and other business to business relationships giving rise to liabilities in contract or tort.

As a CEDR-accredited mediator, Robin looks for pragmatic and cost-effective solutions. At the same time, when the need arises, Robin is a tenacious and effective court room advocate. His areas of expertise include:

- Sales of goods and supply of service
- Company Law and Partnership
- Franchising
- Insurance
- Corporate and Personal Insolvency
- Economic torts
- Restitution claims

### Recent and ongoing cases

**Geo-Minerals GT Ltd & Anor v Downing & Ors | [2022] EWHC 2151:** High Court claim for in excess of £20m in respect of marketing and intellectual property rights in minerals quarried in Northern Ireland. Allegations of conspiracy by lawful/unlawful means.

**Instrument Product Development Ltd v W D Engineering Solutions Ltd [2022] EWHC 1994 (Ch):** High Court claim for profit share in products designed and manufactured for Swiss-based multinational. Representing successful claimant up to and at trial.

**Ongoing dispute concerning the destruction of stored oats; the 'Thakrar litigation':** involving fraud, and insolvency issues across bankruptcy, receiverships, administrations. [Commercial Court]

**Ongoing complex franchising disputes** in the recruitment industry [Kings Bench Division]

**R (CC) v M:** Representing a restorer of classic cars who successfully sued a customer for refusal to pay for the restoration work done on a classic Austin Healey.

**A1 P v ES:** Advising and representing a supplier of staff in dispute with a major commercial client over breach of contract (agency).

**K v Ali:** Enforcing a lien over cars against credit hire-related claims management firm.

**Anti-competitive practices** in the pharmaceutical industry.

**Breach of Directors Duties** including Company fraud centred on horseracing.

**Disputes within motor industry trade associations** and franchise groups.