



William Hansen

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Commercial

William Hansen's 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.

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

- Authorised to sit as a High Court Judge, Chancery Division
- Deputy Upper Tribunal Judge, Administrative Appeals Chamber
- Recorder, Crime and Civil
- Deputy Chancery Master
- Judge, First Tier Tribunal, Property Chamber
- Member of Attorney General's 'A' Panel of Counsel
- ADR Qualified Mediator

Professional bodies

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