



# Oliver Nunn

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## Overview

Oliver Nunn is a specialist property law barrister who is known for his clear, concise and robust style of advocacy, combined with a personable and pragmatic approach. His successful practice covers the full spectrum of property-related disputes. He has particular expertise in Landlord and Tenant disputes in the private residential and social housing sectors, agricultural tenancies and commercial leases. He has significant experience representing institutional investors such as housing associations and local authorities in actions for possession and injunctions, including where there are public law and Equality Act arguments. Oliver has extensive experience of seeking injunctions, committals and closure orders under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014. He is also instructed in cases of forfeiture, relief and Rent Act matters.

Oliver is also experienced in disputes arising from both business to business and consumer contracts, in particular equine matters involving the purchase of animals where there are arguments of misrepresentation and breach of contract. He is instructed in cases concerning the sale of goods, machinery, services, and other contractual disputes which cross over into the property sphere, such as specific performance.

He offers clear, concise and comprehensive advice, sympathetic to the wider commercial interest of the client.

Oliver is involved in a number of initiatives to improve equality, diversity and access at the Bar. He sits on the Midland Circuit Social Mobility Committee and regularly speaks on the Sutton Trust's Pathways to Law programme. Oliver mentors through Lincoln's Inn and the Future Bar Programme at DeMontfort Law School. He also established the Jeffers-Nunn Award at Leicester Law School, which provides financial support and mentoring in the form of a scholarship to aspiring Barristers from backgrounds which are underrepresented in the profession.

Appointed as a Deputy District Judge on the Midland Circuit in September 2021, Oliver was also made an Honorary Associate Professor at the University of Leicester in 2022, where he lectured both Public and Contract Law.

Away from chambers, Oliver enjoys cooking, jazz, follows Formula 1 and the Leicester Tigers.

## Recommendations

"Oliver Nunn is the perfect mix of being personable with technical and legal strength. He is supportive, practical and hard-working. He is a strong advocate." **Chambers & Partners 2024, Social Housing, Band 2**

"Oliver has excellent attention to detail and can be relied upon to give clear, concise and sound advice. He is a competent advocate who strives to achieve the best possible outcome." **Legal 500 2024, Social Housing, Tier 1**

"I find Oliver Nunn's attention to detail and thinking outside the box a breath of fresh air. He has great reasoning that he puts in a plain, simple language to help clients better understand the complexities of the law." **Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2023, Social Housing, Band 2**

"Oliver is a strong junior in housing and across civil litigation. He is very knowledgeable in these areas, in particular social housing and commercial matters." **Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2023, Social Housing, Band 2**

"Oliver is very thorough in his work and pays close attention to detail. He gives sound and considered advice and has excellent drafting skills." **Legal 500 2023 – Social Housing Ranked: Tier 1**

'Oliver is approachable, knowledgeable, and thorough.' **Legal 500 2022, Social Housing, Tier 1**

"Oliver Nunn is an excellent barrister who listens intently to instructions and carries them out as requested, whilst adding value with his own innovative ideas on defeating a claim. Even on cases where prospects are lower than preferred, Oliver is someone who is always happy to roll up his sleeves and get stuck in. He never shies away from a challenge. He is also more than happy to take ad hoc telephone calls for advice when needed. I hope to work with Oliver for many years to come." **Mike Curran, Associate Partner, Horwich Farrelly**

"...I work regularly with Oliver Nunn...he's incredibly technically and commercially astute in equal measure." **Josh Gregory, Associate Solicitor, Knights**

## Academic qualifications

- LLB, University of Leicester
- BPTC, Nottingham Law School

## Scholarships

- Hubert Greenland Scholar, Gray's Inn
- Peter Kavanagh Outstanding Mooter of the Year Award, University of Leicester
- Winner, Herbert Smith Debating Competition, University of Leicester
- Winner, Denton Wilde Sapte Senior Mooting Competition, University of Leicester
- Winner, Midlands Mooting Competition
- Winner, United Nations Society Advocacy Competition

## Professional qualifications & appointments

- Leicestershire Law Society Barrister of the Year, 2023
- Shortlisted for Nottinghamshire Law Society Equality & Diversity Champion, 2023
- Associate, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Honorary Associate Professor, University of Leicester
- Deputy District Judge

## Professional bodies

- Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

# Expertise

## Residential Landlord and Tenant and Housing

Oliver Nunn is a specialist property law barrister who is known for his clear, concise and robust style of advocacy combined with a personable and pragmatic approach.

His successful practice covers the full spectrum of property related disputes, representing clients at all levels, including the County Court, Business and Property Courts, specialist Tribunals and the High Court.

Oliver has particular expertise and substantial experience acting and advising on matters such as:

- Private landlord and tenant social housing
- Unlawful eviction
- Agricultural tenancies
- Commercial leases
- Forfeiture and relief trespass
- Adverse possession

Oliver is particularly well regarded for his housing and landlord & tenant practice, where he is regularly instructed by institutional investors, insurers and local authorities in matters such as:

- Possession
- Injunction and committals
- Anti Social Behaviour remedies pursuant to the ASBCPA 2014 Public Law and Equality Act challenges
- Policy advice
- Housing disrepair claims

Having lectured in Public Law at the University of Leicester, Oliver offers significant experience in the housing law sector and is often brought in to advise and act in more complex possession proceedings which may include novel grounds for possession, succession, injunctive relief, Public Law defences and arguments raised under the Equality Act 2010.

Oliver is regularly instructed by local authorities, housing associations and the police in seeking remedies under the ASBCPA 2014 and the Crime & Security Act 2010, including injunctions and closure orders. He has significant experience in the use of injunctions to regulate conduct, not just in relation to individuals and properties, but also wider areas such as town centres, including against 'persons unknown'.

Oliver is recommended for his technical approach and is sought after for his advice in claims for unlawful eviction and on tactics navigating the complex case law and statutory framework associated with those high value claims.

## Commercial

Oliver Nunn is regularly instructed to settle pleadings, advise and represent clients in contentious commercial disputes arising from both business to business and consumer contracts.

He has considerable experience in dealing with a range of commercial disputes, including claims founded upon contracts for the sale of goods and/or services, building disputes, sale and installation of defective machinery, negligent references and the purchase of vehicles which are said to have been stolen.

Oliver has a particular academic interest in contract law, which he lectured at the University of Leicester. Oliver is also experienced in contractual claims with significant personal importance, including major events such as weddings or holidays where enhanced damages may be sought for distress or loss of enjoyment.

He offers clear, concise and comprehensive advice, sympathetic to the wider commercial interest of the client.

Oliver is also an equine law specialist and receives many instructions to advise, represent and settle pleadings on a wide range of equine and animal disputes. He also has experience of claims founded upon the Animals Act 1971. He is very experienced in disputes over the purchase of animals where there are arguments of misrepresentation and/or breach of contract. Oliver provides advice, representation and settles pleadings in claims for damages, rescission and other remedies.

For professionals and suppliers alike, Oliver accepts instructions in relation to the recovery and enforcement of debts and other contractual disputes.