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Practice Summary

Chris Bevan is Associate Professor of Property Law at Durham Law School, Durham University having previously worked for 6 years at the University of Nottingham. Before entering legal academia, Chris practised as a common law barrister specialising in matters of land, housing and family law. Chris has experience as a Tutor on the BPTC (the barrister professional training course) and maintains strong links with the world of legal practice. Chris graduated from the University of Cambridge in 2007 with degrees in both Modern Languages and Law and, in 2012, was awarded his MA (Cantab.). Chris is Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and author of the acclaimed textbook, *Land Law* (1st Edn, 2018, Oxford University Press; 2nd Edn published March 2020). In 2017, Chris won 'Lecturer of the Year' and was awarded the prestigious Lord Dearing Award for outstanding, world-class contribution to enhancing the student experience. In 2018, was nominated to Fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts. Chris' research interests are situated on the intersection between land, housing and social welfare law. Chris has published widely on matters of domestic land law, social housing and housing legislation in its broadest sense. Chris' scholarship has appeared in leading law journals including The Modern Law Review, Law Quarterly Review, The Cambridge Law Journal, The Conveyancer and Property Lawyer and Child and Family Law Quarterly.

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Memberships

- Higher Education Academy
- Royal Society of Arts
- Society of Legal Scholars
- Socio-Legal Studies Association

Education

- PGCHE
- BPTC (Outstanding)
- MA (Cantab.)
- BA (Hons.)(Cantab) Modern & Medieval Languages; Law