

John Robson

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Practice Summary

John has been involved in Chancery matters since his pupillage and has evolved with the law. Knowledge of historical legal developments is an attribute which is necessarily connected to easier identification and solution to problems. His practice embraces what traditionally have been labelled 'Chancery matters', including property law and commercial disputes since pupillage in 1975, and he therefore has considerable knowledge and expertise of these areas.

He has appeared in a number of Court of Appeal decisions involving banking and mortgages (Royal Bank of Scotland plc v Etridge (No.2) (1999) 31 HLR 575, CA), proprietary estoppel and constructive trusts (George v Hazell, 2007, CA), adverse possession of land, construction disputes (Collins (Contractors) Ltd v Baltic Quay Management (1994) Ltd [2004] EWCA Civ 1757), planning (particularly Inquiries), landlord & tenant (Blanway Investments Ltd v Lynch (1993) 27 HLR 378, CA), bankruptcy (Bank of Baroda v Dhillon (1998) 30 HLR 845, CA), orders for sale, overriding interests and s.30 Law of Property Act 1925, property distribution on breakdown of relationships, and Probate actions (embracing capacity, Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 claims, proprietary estoppel and constructive trusts.

He understands the need for 'team effort' with his instructing solicitor and for clear and careful explanations of options open to a client in considering what instructions to give.

John regularly lectures on Chancery-related topics in which he practices (including the Land Registration Act 2002 and equitable principles).

John undertakes work through the Public Access scheme.

Memberships

- First-tier Tribunal Judge in the Tribunal Service (1993)
- Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (1992)

- Property Bar Association (former Committee member)
- Planning and Environmental Bar Association
- Approved assessor for the Bar