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Profile: Overview

Roger is a Chancery practitioner with a particular focus on property litigation. He appears in all courts and relevant specialist tribunals.

Experience and Expertise

Roger Mullis has a traditional and commercial Chancery practice with an emphasis on property litigation (including commercial and residential landlord and tenant), contentious probate and administration of estates, family provision, trusts, and professional negligence litigation relating to the above areas of practice.

He appears regularly in the Court of Appeal, the Chancery Division of the High Court (before judges and masters), the Family Division (in family provision cases), in county courts and in the Court of Protection, the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chambers) and the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal.

Cases and Work of Note

Ondhia v Ondhia [2011] EWHC 3040 (Ch) (Roth J) (successfully represented an applicant for joinder in a claim relating to the construction and effect of a compromise relating to funds in a client account.)

Patel v Patel [2010] EWCA Civ 1242 (Court of Appeal) (succeeded in securing the dismissal of an appeal (and refusal of permission for further appeal) against an order made following a 15-day county court trial relating to the beneficial interests in an investment property held by a family partnership. Ward LJ referred to the 'compelling logic' of Mr Mullis's 'full and careful skeleton argument'.)

Borman v LeI [2002] WTLR 237 (Chancery Division, Nigel Davis QC) (argued successfully for the validity of a will challenged on the grounds of want of due execution or want of capacity, having cross-examined a subscribing witness to the will on her evidence that she had not in fact witnessed the testator signing the will or signed the will in the testator's presence.)

Rees-Davies v Westminster City Council [1998] RVR 219, [1998] EG 81 (Court of Appeal) (represented Westminster City Council, the successful respondent to an appeal from the Lands Tribunal (on appeal from the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal) in a leasehold enfranchisement valuation case.)

Plant v Plant [1998] 1 BCLC 38; [1998] BPIR 243 (Chancery Division, Carnwath J) (successfully resisted an application relating to disclosure of documents and implied undertakings relating to the use of documents in a challenge to an IVA.)

Hurley v Hurley [1998] 1 FLR 213, [1998] 2 FCR 14, [1998] Fam. Law. 16 (Court of Appeal) (a successful appeal on costs from a decision of HHJ Michael Cook (author of Cook on Costs), acting on behalf of the mother of a party to ancillary relief proceedings who had intervened in the proceedings to claim a beneficial interest in the matrimonial home by reason of her financial contribution to the building of a 'granny annexe'.)

Recommendations

- "He's a real detailer, who is very bright and conscientious. His written work is very thorough. There was one case where I thought we were doomed, and he came up with ideas we hadn't thought of. It saved the day." (Chancery: Traditional, Chambers UK, 2017)
- "Efficient and exceptionally knowledgeable." (Private Client, The Legal 500, 2016)
- "He is brilliant with clients. He is very human, and he has a really good manner." (Chancery: Traditional UK, Chambers HNW, 2016)
- "An excellent advocate who marries very significant academic ability with an innate

practicality." "Quite understated but strong." (Traditional Chancery, Chambers and Partners, 2015)

- "Very accessible and a clear, concise thinker." (Private Client, Trusts and Probate, The Legal 500, 2014)
- "Roger Mullis attracts briefs dealing with all manner of problematic probate, will and trust disputes. He is highly rated." (Traditional Chancery, Chambers and Partners, 2011)
- "Roger Mullis covers a broad range of traditional chancery elements, although sources note that he is particularly good on wills, trusts and property disputes." (Traditional Chancery, Chambers and Partners, 2010)
- "Wills and trusts, landlord and tenant issues and property disputes are just a few of the elements of Roger Mullis's wide-ranging practice. An advocate in whom one can invest a considerable degree of trust, he recently acted for the landlord in a complex Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 renewal concerning a telecommunications mast; he also handled several complicated contested probate claims." (Traditional Chancery, Chambers and Partners, 2009)
- Always extremely well prepared, he impresses with his clear and literate writing style, and is especially praised for his expertise in contentious probate matters."
- "He has made his mark with a thorough, detailed approach."
- "Particularly noted for his fantastic client rapport." (Chambers and Partners, 2006 - 2008)

Memberships

Roger is a member of the Chancery Bar Association and the Professional Negligence Bar Association.

Other Details

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