

**Overview**

Banking and Financial Services  
Commercial Disputes  
Company  
Insolvency  
Partnership and Joint Ventures  
Professional Liability  
Trusts

Mediation and Arbitration  
International

## Profile: Overview

Steven read law at Oxford and taught law at Cambridge. He has a strong commercial and financial services practice. He is frequently praised for his commercial approach. He throws himself in fully to any case and is always available on the end of a phone.

## Experience And Expertise

Steven has a busy Commercial Chancery based practice and remains primarily involved in Commercial Litigation with particular emphasis on financial services. . Steven is available at short notice for emergency injunctions in the High Court, including freezing orders.

He regularly works on company, partnership, mortgage and financial disputes. His cases involve commercial contracts and the law surrounding the interpretation of contractual clauses; insolvency (including misfeasance); company law; mortgages; FSMA and financial regulation; fiduciary duties; trusts; commercial landlords and TLATA/estoppel. He has also undertaken some class action work.

. Steven has a particular expertise in financial services law. In 2013 he completed a secondment with the FCA. He was primarily involved in re-drafting the Handbook in preparation for the new regulatory regime. He is an expert on the boundaries of FCA regulation.

He is fully versed in all forms of ADR and accepts instructions in both mediation and arbitration domestic and international. He is familiar with and has experience of appearing in mediation offered by the Family Division, including the Court of Appeal. Often his cases involve an offshore/international element and he is familiar with the particular considerations of cases which involve proceedings in other jurisdictions. Steven is a qualified Member of the CI Arb.

Cases with a private wealth focus often involve layers of either company law or partnership disputes in keeping with the varied needs of HNW individuals. These can therefore include claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975, advisory work as to estates, TLATA, contentious probate, company disputes and the need to intervene in the Family Division in accordance with TL v ML guidelines..

Steven is regularly called on to give talks both by firms of solicitors and legal conference organisers. in his areas of practice.

## Qualifications

BA Jurisprudence - Magdalen College Oxford

MCI Arb

## Memberships

Chancery Bar Association;

Member Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb);

Financial Services Lawyers Association;

British Azerbaijani Law Association

## Other Points of Interest

Steven is a strong supporter of access to the Bar and equality of opportunity; he regularly gives talks to both large and small groups or supports in other ways, such as by acting as a

moot judge or by giving a talk/seminar. He is always happy to assist on this topic and should be contacted directly without hesitation.

Steven is on the Management Board of Big Voice London

He acts as a mentor for Gray's Inn, the Social Mobility Foundation and the government of the BVI.

### On A Personal Note

Steven is always happy to chat through a piece of work on an informal basis prior to instruction: he is equally happy to discuss any thoughts on the rise of Augustus or the latest goings on in Ambridge.

### Other Details

VAT Registration Number: 103963623

Bar Membership Number: 46262

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