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Practice areas

Business

Media and sport

Property
& private client

Public &
regulatory

Richard has a busy practice covering Business, Property and Public Law. Before coming to the Bar, he worked at a leading firm of solicitors in their Public Law department. He also worked for the Texas Defender Service in Houston representing clients on Death Row. Richard has gained considerable courtroom experience and prides himself on his advocacy.

Law LL.B. (Hons), St Cuthbert's Society, Durham University
BPTC, Kaplan Law School
Ann Goddard Scholarship, Gray's Inn
Overseas Scholarship, Gray's Inn
Gray's Inn Bursary, Durham University
Student Development Award, St Cuthbert's Society, Durham University

Business



Richard is regularly instructed in commercial matters. Recent instructions have included:

- Multi-track claim in the TCC for a building dispute;
 - Multi-track claim concerning a hire purchase agreement;
 - Multi-track claim for breach of contract for a basement installation;
 - Acting for a GP's surgery in relation to a telephone contract;
 - Complex loan agreement; and
 - Breach of contract for a defective sewage processor.
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Property & private client



Richard is frequently instructed in possession claims, boundary disputes, disrepair claims and Part 8 claims. Recent cases include:

- Two-day trial concerning forfeiture with a harassment counterclaim;
- Mediation in a nuisance claim;
- Trespass claim concerning service;
- Service charge dispute;
- Surrender disrepair claim; and
- Disrepair claim concerning repudiatory breach.

Media & sport



Richard is keen to accept instructions in this area. He has recently delivered a 'lunch and learn' seminar at a leading start up concerning his time working on Death Row. He has appeared for another start up at trial in relation to breach of contract for an app.

Public and regulatory



Inquest and Inquires: Richard acted for the family of Gabriel Frapiccini at St Pancras Coroner's Court. The two-day inquest concerned a citizen's arrest which resulted in a fatality. More recently, he has drafted submissions for an Article 2 Inquest relating to a death following police contact. He appeared at the recent inquest that touched on the death of Shannon Nathaniel. Prior to coming to the Bar Richard worked on several inquests including Wiktorija Was, a police pursuit death, and Samuel Gale, a death in custody. Richard volunteered at Inquest during pupillage and is happy to accept instructions pro bono in this area.

Richard is instructed on behalf of the Designated Lawyers in the Undercover Policing Inquiry which aims to investigate and report on undercover police operations conducted by English and Welsh police forces since 1968. He is vetted to SC standard due to the nature of this work.

Police Law: Richard successfully acted in a claim against South Wales Police for unlawful imprisonment and assault. He also has experience of obtaining DVPOs.

Public and Human Rights: Richard was instructed to assist with the Mau Mau litigation which concerns a claim brought by Kenyans for assault between 1952 and 1959. He also has recently advised on a MOD claim concerning an injury at a base in Germany.

Local Government: Richard has appeared for and advised a local authority on several matters including the legality of estate parking as well as nuisance claims.

Regulatory Law: Prior to joining Ely Place, Richard undertook a criminal law pupillage predominately prosecuting for the CPS. He frequently appears in proceedings for a major telecommunications company relating to street work offences.

Memberships

Property Bar Association
Attorney General's Junior Panel
Metropolitan Police Panel Counsel
SC security clearance
Direct Access Qualified
Inquest Lawyers Group
Young Legal Aid Lawyers

Outside Chambers, Richard is the proud Club Secretary and opening bat for Ely Place Chambers Cricket Club. He was delighted to be awarded players' player in 2017. He is also an amateur pianist, watch enthusiast and monthly Indian restaurant reviewer.

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