



David Casement QC

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Overview

David Casement QC is a silk specialising in chancery and commercial litigation. He is regularly instructed in large-scale disputes involving company, LLP and partnership disputes advising and representing companies, directors, shareholders, members and partners. He covers the full range of commercial litigation such as banking, finance and securities and professional negligence. He also specialises in all aspects of insolvency litigation and has acted for office-holders and third parties in corporate and personal insolvency disputes. David has acted for claimants and defendants in commercial fraud litigation and asset tracing across multiple jurisdictions. David has also represented trustees and beneficiaries in trust litigation including the liability of trustees and obtaining information regarding assets and the terms of settlements.

David was appointed as a Part-time Judge (Recorder) in 2005, a Queen's Counsel in 2008 and Deputy High Court Judge (Queen's Bench and Chancery Division) in 2013. David is a member of the Bar of England and Wales, the Bar of Ireland and the Bar of Northern Ireland.

Areas of expertise

- Banking
- Arbitration
- Chancery
- Commercial Litigation
- Civil Fraud
- Insolvency
- Company
- Financial Services
- Partnership and LLP
- Administrative and Public Law
- Professional Negligence
- Sports, Entertainment and Media
- Trusts and Probate
- Human Rights
- Private International Law

Recommendations

Chancery, Commercial Dispute Resolution, Company, Restructuring/Insolvency, Sport (*Chambers & Partners*)
Commercial, Banking and Insolvency (*Legal 500*)
Commercial (*Legal Experts*)

Quotes

The "eminent" David Casement QC wins plaudits for his work on company, commercial and trust litigation. (Chambers UK 2013)

"not just an excellent technical lawyer but also highly commercially oriented." (Chambers UK 2013)

"authoritative and polite. He is persuasive and forceful when he needs to be and has an ability to adapt to circumstances." Peers further say that "his pleadings and written work are extremely good. He has an ability to pitch the document at the right level." (Chambers UK 2013)

"an excellent technical lawyer who is not scared of getting stuck in," and instructing solicitors note that this "highly approachable, highly intelligent" lawyer is "a good guy to have on your side." (Chambers UK 2013)

Is "Commercially Sound" and "a heavyweight Chancery and Commercial silk" (Legal [500 2012](#))

"is an "excellent litigator" who impresses with his "bang-on-the-mark judgement." He is "splendid with clients, a team player through and through, and very proactive."" (Chambers UK 2012)

"a strong advocate with a brilliant approach to the judiciary." (Chambers UK 2012)

"covers an impressively broad array of chancery-related matters. He bowls commentators over with his collected and well-judged opinions, and further impresses due to the "clever, cautious and effective approach he adopts"." (Chambers UK 2011)

"He is a forceful advocate who connects well with judges." (Chambers UK 2010)

"Tipped as a "star of his generation" for commercial litigation." (Chambers UK 2009)

Commercial Litigation

Al Midani (2013) Acting for the Trustee in bankruptcy tracing assets in France, Spain and the Middle East.

Access Bank v Akinbola (2011) Acting for off-shore trustee in proceedings alleging £1 billion fraud on a major Nigerian bank. The case involves alleged breaches of fiduciary duties by the bank's CEO and other employees and includes asset tracing and litigation across multiple jurisdictions.

McKenna (2010) Acting for innocent investor in fraudulent property scheme seeking to recover multi-million pound fund misappropriated by a fiduciary

Barclay Pharmaceutical v Waypharm (2010) - alleged £12 million pharmaceutical fraud with actions in multiple jurisdictions including Switzerland, Belgium, France and Panama.

Davenham Trust v Homegold Limited and Costello (2009) LTL 23 October 2009 - instructed by a second tier lender to enforce securities where the issues included analysis of the principal obligor clauses in a guarantee and whether the contractual increase in interest following default was void as a penalty.

CEP v Steni (2009) LTL 15 October 2009 - instructed for the claimants in respect of the alleged unlawful termination of an exclusive, international distribution agreement. The case raised issues as to the validity of default notices and the obligations under an "all reasonable endeavours clause".

Pen Associates (Europe) Limited v Cardpoint Services Limited (2008) - instructed to defend a member of LINK (UK's national cash interchange network) in respect of a claim for £7 million for breach of contract in the supply of connectivity to the LINK network.

Shaw v API and others - LTL 11 June 2008 - successfully defended a claim for alleged breach of confidentiality and fraud brought against members of a management-buy-out team. The case raised important questions as to the quality of the information that was said to be confidential.

Proform Sports Management Limited v Proactive Sports Management Limited [2007] 1 All ER 542 - an important case concerning the voidability of Wayne Rooney's contract of representation with an agent and the liability of a third party for inducing breach of a voidable contract. The case is a leading case on minors' contracts.

C plc v P (Attorney General and Home Secretary Intervening) [2006] Ch 549 - instructed by P to defend claim to privilege against self-incrimination in the context of a search order in intellectual property proceedings. The case is a landmark decision in respect of the scope of the privilege against self-incrimination and the relationship between precedent under domestic law and the Human Rights Act.

Baybut v Eccle Riggs Country Park Limited - Times, 13 November 2006 - instructed to defend a class action brought by licensees of a caravan park alleging unlawful early termination of their licences. The case raised important issues regarding the effect of the Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1999 on implied terms.

Fitzgerald v Robinson (2005) - instructed by the executrix and beneficiary in a trust case involving fraud and asset tracing in UK, Isle of Man and Cyprus against a trustee. The case included coordinated actions in different jurisdictions against fiduciaries, banks and corporate service providers - search orders at multiple premises - worldwide freezing injunctions and examinations on affidavits.

Sterling Travel Insurance Liquidation (2003) - instructed by the Liquidator in the alleged "smash and grab" fraud by the director committed just prior to liquidation. The case involved a world wide freezing injunction, asset tracing and numerous transaction avoidance proceedings.

Union Music Limited v Russell Watson [2003] 1 BCLC 453 - instructed by Union Music in respect of a claim against Russell Watson for breach of contract. The case raised an important question as to the power of a court to order an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders to consider a resolution where the majority of the board were opposed to such a meeting and resolution.

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Civil Fraud

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Robin Clayton Partnership bankruptcy (2005) - instructed by the trustee in bankruptcy of three architects to set aside transactions defrauding creditors entered into 20 years prior to bankruptcy. The case involved tracing assets in UK, Saudi Arabia and Spain.

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Company

Beech v Probiz (2013) multi-million pound claims including section 994 petition, personal claims and breach of intellectual property claims.

Bamford v Harvey [2012] WLR (D) 298 – important decision in respect of “wrongdoer control” and when permission will be refused if the shareholder has an alternative to a derivative claim.

The Swift Litigation (2012) – shareholder disputes and breach of fiduciary duty claims involving over thirty companies and involving allegations going back over twenty years

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Bracegirdle v All Facility Services Limited (2008) - s994 shareholders' petition, derivative claims and personal claims involving alleged breaches of fiduciary duties, shareholder agreements and statutory obligations. The case raised issues concerning the "no conflict rule" and the diversion of corporate opportunities and assets.

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Larvin v Phoenix Office Supplies Limited [2002] 2 BCLC 556 (company law dispute - unfair prejudice against minority shareholders).

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Appointments

Irish Bar 1997

Recorder 2005

Memberships

Chancery Bar Association

Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association