

Company and Commercial law seminar



St John's
CHAMBERS



March & May



4.00pm-6.25pm

£45 + VAT

**CPD:
2 hours**

St John's Chambers Commercial team are hosting a seminar which is aimed at litigation professionals. Our Devon date is in association with Devon & Somerset Law Society.

Topics:

- Unfair Prejudice: what is unfair and what is prejudicial?
- Partnership disputes: partnership property; Syers orders
- Ad hoc fiduciary duties: trust and confidence of a different kind
- Unfair prejudice petitions: a case update
- Striking out claims for abuse of process - warehousing litigation

Bristol

Thursday, 6th March

St John's Chambers,
101 Victoria Street, Bristol BS1
6PU

Exeter

**Thursday,
20th March**

The Courtyard
Marriott, Sandy
Park Way, Exeter EX2 7NN



Cardiff

Wednesday, 21st May

Radisson Blu, Meridian Gate,
Bute Terrace, CF10 2FL

Programme

3.30pm	Registration and refreshments
4.00pm	Welcome from Chair James Pearce-Smith, Head of Company & Commercial team, Barrister
4.05pm	Unfair Prejudice: what is unfair and what is prejudicial? Charlie Newington-Bridges, Deputy Head of Commercial team, Barrister
4.30pm	Partnership disputes: partnership property, Syers orders and other recent developments James Pearce-Smith, Head of Company & Commercial team, Barrister
4.55pm	Break - refreshments
5.05pm	Striking out claims for abuse of process - warehousing litigation Natasha Dzameh, Deputy Head of Commercial Team, Barrister A look at warehousing litigation by reference to <i>Lloyd v Hayward</i> [2024] EWHC 2033 (Ch).
5.35pm	Unfair prejudice petitions: a case update Jack Pankhurst, Barrister Jack will be providing an overview of the most recent, significant decisions from 2024 and 2025 along with some practical takeaways.
6.00pm	Ad hoc fiduciary duties: trust and confidence of a different kind Nick Pointon, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Exeter, Barrister
6.25pm	Close for questions - followed by networking drinks

Please note: The Bristol and Cardiff events will close for drinks and canapes at 6.00pm as Nick Pointon's talk will not be taking place at these events.

Barristers

“They make a really concerted effort to get to know their instructing solicitors, are very commercial in their approach and just really easy to work with.”

Chambers UK, 2025



James Pearce-Smith

Year of call: 2002

“James is a very smooth operator and very intelligent; the way he deals with things is very impressive.” Chambers UK 2025, Commercial Dispute Resolution

James is the head of our commercial team and has over 25 years' experience as a commercial litigator, including 8 years as a commercial litigation solicitor at two major law firms before transferring to the Bar in 2002. As a barrister, James has continued to specialise in commercial litigation, representing businesses from SMEs to major international companies (such as Airbus and Dyson) in a broad range of commercial disputes across a wide spectrum of industries (including IT, manufacturing, agriculture, food processing and the rail industry). As well as disputes between companies, James also regularly advises on share purchase disputes and claims against directors and employees for breaches of post-termination covenants and other breaches of duty.



Natasha Dzameh

Year of call: 2010

“Natasha is really good; she's really tenacious and experienced, incredibly user-friendly and a really good team player.” Chambers UK 2025, Commercial Dispute Resolution

Natasha is ranked as a leading junior in commercial litigation by the Legal 500 and Chambers UK. She has a dynamic practice and is known for handling cases concerning breaches of fiduciary duty, civil fraud, insolvency, insurance (including coverage disputes and subrogated claims), joint ventures, partnerships and professional negligence. Natasha is a strong advocate, robust and able to think creatively to reach a novel solution to difficult legal issues. She acts for a wide range of clients such as individuals to major financial institutions and international companies inclusive of high street brands. Natasha accepts instructions in respect of offshore disputes. She has been instructed by a British Overseas Territory and was offered a place on panel by another such territory.

Barristers



Charlie Newington-Bridges

Year of call: 2011

“Charlie has a very commercial approach; he's calm, assured and all over the detail. He demonstrates brilliant commercial awareness and knowledge of commercial disputes.”

Chambers UK 2025, Commercial Dispute Resolution

Charlie is a well regarded barrister for his commercial and financial services expertise, which is supported by 15 years' prior experience as an investment banker. He is also regularly instructed in cases concerning partnership law and insolvency. Charlie has been involved in a range of commercial matters in the Court of Appeal, the High Court and the County Courts, with a particular emphasis on company disputes and commercial contract disputes. He recently successfully defended an unfair prejudice petition in a High Court trial, involving breach of a shareholders' agreement and reflective loss.



Jack Pankhurst

Year of call: 2021

“Jack is an excellent barrister. He has a keen eye for detail and is effective at getting right to the heart of the issues at play. Jack is reliable and responsive, and his advice is always clear, thorough, and pragmatic.” Client, commercial

Jack is a specialist commercial and chancery barrister and a trained mediator. He has experience in a range of commercial matters, including claims arising out of directors' disputes; contracts of agency; the sale of goods and services; partnerships; joint ventures; insolvency; 'agri-business'; and unjust enrichment. Jack also has a particular interest in, and experience of, acting in commercial disputes with an international and/or offshore focus. He is happy to assist with cases that raise questions about the conflict of laws (including governing law and jurisdiction).



Nick Pointon

Associate Academic Member -
Senior Lecturer in Law,
University of Exeter,

Nick is a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Exeter and an Associate Academic Member of St John's Chambers. From 2010 – 2021, Nick practised as a specialist commercial and chancery law barrister. His particular areas of expertise include commercial and contractual disputes, private international law, domestic and international arbitration. In 2018 Nick became an accredited mediator and regularly acted in mediations in his core areas of specialism. In summer 2021 Nick accepted an appointment as Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Exeter. He has been consistently listed in Chambers UK for commercial and chancery dispute resolution since 2015 and regularly acted in cross border or offshore litigation, as well as wholly domestic matters. Spears 500 lists Nick as 'a recognised expert on international arbitration [who] punches way above his call'.