

# Glenn Willetts

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Chambers 2024



Glenn Willetts is a member of the Business & Property and Inheritance Act Disputes groups at No5 chambers.

## Expertise

### Business & Property

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Glenn practices the following areas:

#### Commercial Litigation

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Glenn has a broadly based commercial practice with particular experience of both trial and interlocutory litigation concerning banking instruments, including guarantees, mortgages and other securities, professional negligence claims acting for and against a number of professionals (including engineers, architects, insurance brokers, builders and solicitors), the construction and rectification of commercial documents, exclusion and limitation of liability clauses, product liability and the enforcement and challenge of restraint of trade clauses. Glenn also deals with breach of warranty cases, examples including fraudulent breaches of warranty and breaches relating to contracts of land.

Glenn has also advised upon a wide range of commercial law matters.

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## Company & Partnership

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Glenn's practice covers a wide range of both company law and partnership disputes and in particular litigation regarding director's misfeasance, company management, minority shareholder disputes, and litigation regarding the breakdown of partnerships including asset division, partnership retirements and evictions and the construction of partnership dissolution deeds. Glenn also deals with breach of warranty cases, examples including fraudulent breaches of warranty and breaches of warranties in respect of contracts for the sale of land.

Glenn has also advised upon a broad range of company and partnership work and has experience of drafting partnership agreements.

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## Insolvency

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Glenn's practice covers a broad range of both corporate and personal insolvency work. Contentious work in relation to administration applications, the appointment of provisional liquidators, unlawful preferences, transactions at an undervalue, director's misfeasance, asset recovery, declarations of beneficial interests in property, and the conduct of trustees, liquidators, receivers and administrators.

Glenn has also undertaken advisory work in relation to administrations, liquidations, voluntary arrangements and bankruptcies.

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## Professional Negligence

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Glenn's practice covers claims acting for and against a number of professionals (including engineers, architects, insurance brokers, builders and solicitors).

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## Real Estate

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Glenn's practice covers all aspects of real property work including legal and beneficial ownership and co-ownership of land, registered and unregistered land, title, trusts of land, conveyancing, boundary disputes, disputes as to options over land, rights of way disputes, adverse possession, easements, licences, claims relating to the enforcement of restrictive covenants and applications to register title before the Land Registration First-tier Property Tribunal.

Glenn also has a wide range of experience of advising in relation to property matters.

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## Inheritance Act Disputes

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Glenn's practice covers a broad range of Estates and Trusts work covering all issues relating to the administration of estates, including the construction of wills, identity of beneficiaries, deductibility of expenses or debts, ascertainment of assets and the like whether contentious or non-contentious and dealing with the upholding or the challenging of the validity of wills.

Glenn also advises on a wide range of estates and trust issues.

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## Memberships

- Midland Chancery and Commercial Bar Association.
- Queen's Mother Scholar of the Middle Temple, Major Scholarship.

## Qualifications

- Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield.
- Birmingham University, LLB(Hons), First Class.
- Pembroke College, Oxford University, BCL (Oxon), First Class.
- Inns of Court School of Law, London, BVC.

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## Notable Cases

McBride v. UK Insurance Limited [2017] EWCA Civ 144

test case credit hire appeal concerning the correct test to be applied in respect of the assessment of Basic Hire Rates, including a successful appeal in respect of the issue of a hirer's entitlement to hire from a credit hire company with a nil hire excess position.

Savills (UK) Limited v. Blacker [2017] EWCA Civ 68

successful appeal to the Court of Appeal in respect of the correct contractual interpretation of an estate agency contract.

Edkins v. Hopkins [2016] EWHC 2542

estates case concerning a challenge to the validity of a will on the grounds of lack of testamentary capacity, want of knowledge and approval and undue influence.

Bir Holdings v. Mehta [2014] EWHC 3903 (Ch)

care home shares sales dispute including numerous claims of breaches of warranty.

Wallbank v. Price [2007] EWHC 3001

trusts dispute and defences of duress and undue influence.

In the matter of TT Industries Limited and in the matter of Fibaflo Industries Limited (2006) BCC 372

application to extend the period of an administration order in respect of a company after the expiry of the statutory period, the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986 Sch.B1 para.77(1)(b)

Ian Wilson (HMIT) v. Stephen Clayton [2004] EWCA Civ 1657 (2005) STC 157 (2005) IRLR 108

test case as to the meaning of benefit in kind within section 154 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

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