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Wilberforce Chambers offers impressive expertise in commercial work encompassing the following areas:

Agency	Energy	Partnership
Banking	Financial services	Pensions
Civil/commercial fraud	Hedge Funds	Professional liability
Company	Information technology	Real estate
Confidentiality	Insolvency	Sports law
Construction	Insurance/reinsurance	Telecommunications
Contract	Intellectual property	
Employment	Joint ventures	

We offer much more than just expertise in the law. Our familiarity with most areas of business means we really understand the practical issues and concerns relevant to each sector. This enables us to get to grips with cases quickly, providing focused advice and developing practical strategies.

Our commercial work extends to both contentious and non-contentious work. We see ourselves primarily as advocates, looking after and advancing the commercial interests of our clients. In relation to contentious matters, our emphasis is always on resolving disputes in a commercial and cost-effective way.

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The breadth of our experience and expertise is particularly valuable when it comes to resolving commercial disputes, which so often require an understanding of several areas of law and business practice. We also have extensive experience of acting in all courts and tribunals dealing with commercial disputes.

High Court: Members frequently appear in the Commercial Court, the Chancery Division (which increasingly deals with many larger commercial disputes), the Queen's Bench Division and the Technology & Construction Court.

County Courts: Many commercial cases are now dealt with in the county courts and junior members of chambers regularly appear in these courts.

Appellate courts: Members regularly appear in the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords

Arbitral tribunals: Members have experience of most of the tribunals dealing with commercial work, such as the London Court of International Arbitration, the International Chamber of Commerce, and tribunals appointed under rules of the London Maritime Arbitrators' Association.

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Regulatory tribunals: Commercial disputes can be played out in a wide variety of regulatory tribunals, both institutional and ad hoc, which cover fields as diverse as finance, competition, pensions, professions and sports.

Overseas courts: Members appear in many substantial commercial disputes in overseas courts, including in the Bahamas, the BVI, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, Hong Kong and Singapore.

We also have wide experience of alternative forms of dispute resolution, such as mediation. Indeed, many of our members are accredited mediators themselves.

Recognising the uncertainties, costs and delays involved in litigation, we are always on the look-out for opportunities for a negotiated or consensual outcome to commercial disputes.

Our strength in commercial work runs throughout chambers, both at QC and junior level. This, coupled with the broad range of our members' expertise and experience, means that we can offer the right barrister, or team of barristers, for most commercial or business disputes.

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Although we tend to be involved in higher value or more complex commercial cases, our members also act in many smaller or "run of the mill" cases. Our clerks are happy to discuss providing a barrister for any commercial case.

The members of our Commercial Group are:

Jules Sher QC	Clare Stanley
John Martin QC	Rupert Reed
Ian Croxford QC	Julian Greenhill
Lawrence Cohen QC	Tiffany Scott
Terence Mowschenson QC	Nikki Singla
David Phillips QC	Edward Sawyer
Michael Bloch QC	Jonathan Davey
Christopher Nugee QC	Jonathan Hilliard
John Wardell QC	Andrew Mold
Michael Tennet QC	Emily McKechnie
Thomas Lowe QC	Charlotte Black
James Ayliffe QC	Sebastian Allen
Joanna Smith QC	James Walmsley
Alan Bryson	
Daniel Hochberg	
Gabriel Fadipe	
Jonathan Evans	

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Versatile



We see ourselves primarily as advocates, adapting our strategy to protect and further the interests of our clients.

Wilberforce Chambers has a reputation for pre-eminence across a range of practice areas traditionally described as 'Commercial Chancery'. In addition to Commercial, we have barristers with expertise in the fields of Banking, Company, Pensions, Property, Private Client, Intellectual Property and Information Technology, Professional Liability. More information is available on our website at www.wilberforce.co.uk and on request from our clerks.

We have an excellent clerking team who are always happy to deal with queries about the Commercial Group and our other practice areas, as well as individual members of Chambers. They approach all queries with care and attention and aim at all times to ensure that we are competitive with fee quotes.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the members of the senior clerking team should you want further information:

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