



## Brian Green QC

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### Qualifications and Appointments

- BA (Oxon) Jurisprudence (1977) 1st Class
- BCL (Oxon) (1978) 1st Class
- English Bar examinations (Michaelmas 1980) top in year
- Lecturer in Law LSE 1978-1985 (LLB (Property) and LLM (Restitution))

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Chambers & Partners, 2020

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## Practice Overview

- One of the leading QCs at the Chancery Bar
- Chambers & Partners Chancery QC of the Year
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners Barrister of the Year
- Consistently star and top rated in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 directories
- Equally recognised and recommended for contentious and non-contentious work, and UK and offshore work
- Featured as Lawyer of the Week in The Times and listed as one of the "Top 50 lawyers" in the UK by The Sunday Times

Highlighted in the directories and by clients generally for his:

- Approachability, and inter-personal and client skills
- Incisiveness, practicality, commercial judgment and business sense
- Ability to handle the largest and most complex matters
- Ability to grasp and make key points quickly and effectively
- As Chambers & Partners put it: *"the Rolls-Royce of chancery barristers," "fantastically impressive" on difficult questions. "Highly approachable" he is "a brilliant advocate, measured in his delivery", "whom top-flight solicitors turn to time and again." "He has complete mastery of his subject." "Masterful, definitely at the top of his form!"*

Wide-ranging experience in Chancery matters Brian specialises in all aspects of:

- Commercial trusts and other property holding structures
- Pension schemes – occupational and public sector
- Private trusts and estates



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## Trusts, Tax, Probate and Estates

Brian is consistently star rated in the Chambers & Partners and Top Rated in The Legal 500:

Chambers & Partners 2020 (Trusts): *"He's an extraordinarily brilliant man and one of the best advisers and advocates at the Chancery Bar. He's very good with clients and he inspires confidence both in his clients and everyone else."*

Chambers & Partners 2020 (Chancery: Traditional): *"A private client oracle – a real authority." "Absolutely outstanding." "Really pre-eminent."*

Chambers & Partners 2020 (Tax: Private Client): *"His written work is excellent: it's beautifully phrased and deals with the most difficult matters with the lightest of touches." "Brilliant."*

Chambers & Partners 2020 (Offshore): *"He is my top trusts barrister. He is incredibly clever, has a good court manner and will see the problems in a situation that lesser mortals haven't spotted." "He has an extraordinary mind and is focused and extremely persuasive on his feet and in conference."*

**Private trusts work covers the full range of trusts, estates and revenue related planning and practice, including:**

- The taxation of UK onshore and offshore trust structures, involving both out of court and in court arrangements
- Variation of Trusts Act applications
- Compromises and settlements
- Construction and rectification proceedings
- Trustee Act and Settled Land Act applications
- Like proceedings in offshore jurisdictions

**Commercial trusts work is exceptionally varied. Examples include advising:**

- Insurance company managers and custodian trustees on the governance and dispute resolution in the operation of real estate unit trust and related limited partnership structures faced with LTV and other related issues.
- International bondholders concerned to maintain their non-subordinated status under custodian and other trust documents subjected to offshore insolvency proceedings.

**Offshore work includes;**

- Ongoing advisory work in Australia, Bermuda, BVI, Cayman Islands, Guernsey, Jersey, and Hong Kong.
- Appearances in the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal and Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Bermuda, Grand Court of the Cayman Islands, and BVI Court.
- Recent advisory work has also involved trusts in the Bahamas, the Cook Islands, Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Mauritius and New Zealand.
- Expert opinion work.

Offshore work routinely involves working with professionals in other jurisdictions, including the domiciliary jurisdictions of settlors, US grantors and/or beneficiaries – and Brian's recent work has involved close association with Austrian, Canadian, Californian, New York and Swiss attorneys, often with a need to understand their relevant tax systems applicable to trust entities.