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Qualifications and Appointments

- BA in Law with French, University of Kent
- Masters in Business Law (First Class), University of Bordeaux
- Gabriel sits on the Bar Standards Board Disciplinary Tribunal
- LLM International Commercial Law (Distinction) 2018

“Extremely hardworking”

The Legal 500

Memberships

- Commercial Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association

Practice Overview

Gabriel has experience in business and commercial, financial services and property disputes often involving fiduciary relationships with allegations of mis-selling, undue influence claims, and fraud. His experience spans cases involving collective investment schemes, claims involving "Ponzi" schemes, lifetime mortgages or equity release schemes and a range of commercial disputes involving guarantee claims, and contractual issues. His work often has international aspects, with an emphasis on Africa and the Caribbean.

Much of Gabriel's work cuts across traditionally defined disciplines. He combines intellectual rigour and attention to detail with a down-to-earth, common sense approach to litigation. As a result, Gabriel is often praised by clients, solicitors and judges for his ability to think outside the box.

Gabriel has been listed in The Legal 500 as a "**leading junior**" for his civil fraud practice, while The Lawyer magazine has referred to him as one of the "**stars of the Junior Bar**" for his real property work. The Legal 500, 2015 note that "**he has a strong track record in African and Caribbean related fraud cases.**"

While a fierce advocate in the courtroom, Gabriel is ever-conscious of the practical and commercial needs of his clients. He is regularly instructed to assist in mediations and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. In addition to advising and appearing as an advocate, Gabriel has been instructed as an expert on English Law and procedure in a dispute between members of an overseas royal family, and as Special Counsel by the indemnity insurer of well-known City-based solicitors investigating suspected fraud by a number of the partners. Gabriel has also sat on the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Bar Standards Board. Gabriel is fluent in French (with a Master's degree in Commercial Law from the University of Bordeaux). He has basic knowledge of Spanish. He has also worked for Simpson Grierson solicitors in New Zealand.



Property

Gabriel's practice encompasses all elements of real property including landlord and tenant (both residential and commercial), mortgages, easements and restrictive covenants, boundary disputes and conveyancing. As well as the High Court and county courts, Gabriel regularly appears before the Land Registry Adjudicator and the Residential Property Tribunal.

Recent instructions include:

- A long-running claim by the landlord of commercial premises for rent arrears, where the tenant alleged that the lease had been surrendered.
- Defending the owners of a substantial flat in London against a claim by the freehold management company for an injunction to force them to undo major refurbishment works.
- A claim for the recovery of service charges for the cost of major works to the Corn Exchange in Manchester.
- Acting for the former director of a property finance company, alleged to have been party to a multi-million pound 'ponzi-style' fraud.
- Various disputes over the beneficial ownership of property, particularly where purchased as a buy-to-let.
- Various landlord-tenant and mortgagee possession claims, many of which involved allegations of mis-selling (particularly with reference to lifetime mortgages or equity release schemes), undue influence (as in *Barclays Bank v O'Brien* and *RBS v Etridge*) or fraud.