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Qualifications and Appointments

- BA (Oxon) First Class Honours
- Scholar at University College Oxford
- Lincoln's Inn Entrance Award
- Wolfson and Denning Scholar at Lincolns Inn

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Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- Property Bar Association

Publications

- *Snell's Equity*
General Editor (1999 – 2015) Joint General Editor (2020 – Present)
- *The Nature of the Enrichment Inquiry* in Degeling & Edelman eds., *Unjust Enrichment in Commercial Law*
- *A review of Boundaries of Personal Property: Shares and Sub-Shares* by Pretto-Sakmann in (2006) Vol 122 *Law Quarterly Review* 533

Practice Overview

John maintains a wide and varied practice in the fields of modern commercial chancery work.

He is well known as much for his acute intellectual analysis of problems and mastery of the detailed facts of a case as for his robust, practical and commercially realistic advice.

John has appeared in all the civil courts in England and Wales from the Upper Tribunal to the Supreme Court and in arbitrations both as counsel and arbitrator. His court room presence marries an easy rapport with the court or tribunal, robust and incisive cross-examination and a lightning fast response to new points as they arise in the case.

John believes that his profession is first and foremost a service industry and he aims to be as accessible as possible and to provide speedy, pertinent and readily intelligible advice tailored to the needs of both his lay and professional clients.

The directories recommend John as follows:

Chambers and Partners 2022:

"I am still dazzled by his bandwidth for urgent and interesting work."

"Extremely bright and decisive with a clear communication style which fills clients with confidence."

"John's ability to deliver detailed and authoritative advice in very short timescales is outstanding."

The Legal 500 2022:

"John is probably one of the best property litigators at the Bar at the moment. Really clear and commercial advice. Strong on his feet and very user and client friendly."

Notable cases include:

- *Hicks v 89 Holland Park (Management) Ltd* (2021)
- *EMI Group v Prudential Assurance Co Ltd* (2020)
- *Lodha Developers 1 GSQ Ltd v 1 GSQ1 Ltd*
- *Hicks v 89 Holland Park (Management) Ltd* (2020)
- *Wirsol Energy Ltd v Toucan Energy Holdings Ltd* (2018)
- *Generator Developments Ltd v Lidl UK GMBH* (2018)
- *Metropolitan Housing v RMC FH Co Ltd* (2017)



Practice Overview continued

- *Burrows Investments v Ward Homes* (2017)
- *Canary Wharf Finance II plc v Deutsche Trustee Company Limited* (2016)
- *Burrow Investments v Ward Homes* (2015)
- *Chelsfield Advisers LLP v Qatari Diar Real Estate Investment Co* (2015)
- *UK Leasing Brighton Ltd & Ors v Topland Neptune Ltd & Ors* (2015)
- *Tindall Cobham 1 Ltd & 21 Ors v Adda Hotels (An Unlimited Company) & 11 Ors* (2014) (CoA)
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- *Pillar Denton Ltd v GAME Retail Ltd* (2014)
- *Adams & Ors v Allen & Overy & Ors* (2013)
- *In The Matter of Games Station Ltd & Ors* (2013)
- *HFI Farnborough LLP & Ors v Park Garage Group PLC & Ors* (2012)
- *Lord Spencer-Churchill v Faggionato Fine Arts Ltd* (2012)
- *Toplain Ltd v Orange Retail Ltd* (2012)
- *Greene King PLC v Quisine Restaurants Ltd* (2012)
- *Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance Society v BGC International* (2012)
- *CIP Property (AIPT) Ltd v Transport for London, London Underground Ltd, Derwent Valley Central Ltd*
- *Persimmon Homes Ltd v Woodford Land Ltd* (2011)
- *Re Thames Valley Holdings Ltd* (2011)
- *Amble Assets v Longbenton Foods* (2011)
- *Nigel Alliance, Cringle Corporation Ltd v Yousef Tishbi, Realty Estates Ltd* (2011)
- *Woodford Land Ltd v Persimmon Homes Ltd* (2011)
- *Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance Society v BGC International* (2011)
- *Tradegro (UK) Ltd & Wigmore Street Investments Ltd v Charles Price* (2011)
- *Progress Property Co Ltd v Moorgrath Group Ltd* (2010)
- *Tradegro (UK) Ltd v Wigmore Street Investments Ltd* (2010)
- *Auiva Life & Pensions UK Ltd v Strand Street Properties Ltd* (2010)
- *UK Housing Alliance (North West) Ltd v Francis* (2010)
- *City & General (Investment) Ltd v Razama* (2009)
- *Mourant Property Trust Ltd v Fusion Electronic (UK) Ltd* (2009)
- *London Development Agency v Mehmet Nidai* (2009)
- *Progress Property Co Ltd v Moorgarth Group Ltd* (2009)
- *Colour Quest v Total Downstream* (2009)
- *Menolly v Cerep Sarl* (2009)
- *J Alston & Sons v BOCM Pauls Ltd* (2008)
- *Progress Property Co Ltd v Tradegro (UK) Ltd* (2008)
- *Progress Property Co Ltd v Cornus Moore* (2008)
- *Sunberry Properties Ltd v Innovate Logistics Ltd (In Administration) & 5 Ors* (2008)
- *Alan Coleman v Ibstock Brick Ltd* (2008)
- *Barclays Bank PLC v Trevor Guy* (2008)



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- *Patel v Patel* (2007)
- *Coors Holdings Ltd v Dow Properties Ltd* (2007)
- *Kilmartin SCI (Hulton House) Ltd v Safeway Stores* (2006)
- *Clear Channel UK Ltd v Manchester City Council* (2005)
- *Midtown Ltd v City Of London Real Property Co Ltd* (2005)
- *Clear Channel UK Ltd v Manchester City Council* (2004)
- *Wilkinson v West Bromwich Building Society* (2004)
- *Jack Pennington & Ors v Harold Crompton Senior & Ors* (2004)
- *Pennington v Crompton* (2004)
- *Burford UK Properties Ltd v Forte Hotels (UK) Ltd* (2003)
- *Tiffany Investments Ltd v Bircham & Co Nominees (No.2) Ltd*
- *Dryblend Ltd v Tesco Stores Ltd* (2003)
- *Pennington v Harold Crompton & Ors* (2003)
- *Pennington v Waine (No.2)* (2003)
- *Actionstrength Ltd v International Glass Engineering SpA* (2003)
- *Tiffany Investments Ltd, Coral Chantry v Bircham & Co Nominees (No 2) Ltd & Ors* (2003)
- *North East Lincolnshire BC v Millenium Park (Grimsby) Ltd* (2002)
- *Bryant Homes Northern Ltd v David Thompson* (2002)
- *Hurst v Crompton Bros (Coopers) Ltd* (2002)
- *Millhouse Gloucester Ltd v Millhouse Land Developments Ltd* (2002)
- *Jack Pennington v Phillip Waine* (2002)
- *Mobil Oil Co Ltd v Birmingham City Council* (2001)
- *Jack Midwood v Anthony & Vanessa Morgan* (2001)
- *Actionstrength Ltd v International Glass Engineering, Saint-Gobain Glass UK Ltd* (2001)
- *Robert Barrett & Ors v Robert Morgan* (2000)
- *Grupo Torras SA v Sheikh Fahad Mohammed Al-Sabah*
- *Next PLC v National Farmers Union* (1997)
- *Riddington v Electricity Association* (1997)
- *Legal & General Mortgages Services Ltd v HPC Professional Services* (1997)
- *Bankers Trust Company v Amir Namdar & Ors* (1997)
- *Charterhouse Bank Ltd v Rose & Ors* (1995)
- *Escalus Properties Ltd v Robinson*
- *Luttenberger v North Thoresby Farms Ltd* (1992)
- *Clifford Chance v Silver* (1992)
- *Halfax Building Society & Ors v Edell & Ors* (1992)
- *Luttenberger v North Thoresby Farms Ltd (Preliminary Issue)* (1991)



Domestic Arbitration and ADR

John frequently appears in arbitrations both as counsel and as arbitrator and has experience of both hoc and LCIA arbitrations. He also appears as counsel in mediations where he enjoys the challenge of finding creative solutions to disputes.

Notable cases include:

- Acting for a utility provider in a £120m claim for compensation from an adjoining land owner.
- Acting for an infrastructure provider in a claim by its main supplier for a 10 fold price increase.
- Acting for a developer in a dispute with its local authority landlord in a rent review of a major development site.