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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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Chambers & Partners 2022

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."



Trusts, Tax, Probate and Estates

Through his editorship of Snell's Equity John has particular expertise in trusts and estates and he enjoys acting for individuals and institutions as much as for large commercial concerns.

Highlights include:

- the long-running *Crompton Brothers* litigation (in which he successfully persuaded the Court of Appeal in *Pennington v Waine* (2002) to extend the doctrine of *Re Rose* to validate an uncompleted gift of shares in a family company)
- acting for a fund manager (involving proceedings in Jersey and an expert determination in England) in a dispute about amendments to the exit provisions of a mutual fund (2018)