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Qualifications and Appointments

- MA (Oxon) Modern History

“Technically excellent and very commercial”

Chambers & Partners, 2017

Memberships

- Property Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Pro Bono Unit panel

Publications

- Building Schemes Law Clarified – *Birdlip v Hunter* [2016] *Wilberforce News Alert*
- S.18 (1) Landlord and tenant act 1927- short cuts: recent lessons from the court of appeal (2008) *Hot Topics in Property Law: A Surveyor's Guide*

Practice Overview

Martin has a broad property practice covering both contentious and non-contentious matters and professional liability in related areas. He has acted in many recent high-profile cases covering all aspects of property litigation.

Martin is known for his ability to understand clients' commercial objectives and for providing rapid and practical advice.

He has particular experience in commercial landlord and tenant matters including business tenancies, dilapidations; insolvency-related lease issues, and consent for alienation. Martin also regularly appears in and advises on real property cases.

He has a wealth of recent reported cases. They concern such diverse areas as restrictive covenants; development agreements; easements; commercial lease interpretation and land registration.

Martin was awarded **Real Estate 'Silk of the Year'** at the Chambers Bar Awards 2014.

In 2013 he was successful in four separate property cases in the Court of Appeal concerning: easements; construction of a property sale confidentiality agreement; issue estoppel and dilapidations.

Martin is involved in many aspects of alternative dispute resolution including acting in mediations and as an adviser to arbitrators and experts.

Martin is consistently recommended in The Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners for property litigation and is listed in the **Who's Who Legal: UK Bar 2016** for Real Estate.

Recent editions of the directories have described him as:

- *"having excellent client care skills" and "noted for his clear and understandable opinions".*
- *"A very safe bet, excellent value for money and a dream to work with"*
- He is consistently praised for his advocacy. Chambers & Partners (2014) noted that he is: *"an understated and brilliant cross-examiner, he's gracious and unbelievably determined, and has phenomenal client skills. He delivers the blow and when the knife goes in you won't even feel it".*
- *"He is a challenging advocate to be against." "He is very able and user-friendly."*



International Arbitration

Martin acts frequently in property-related arbitrations and expert determinations.

He has acted:

- For a land owner in an expert determination relating to a failure by a developer to use best endeavours to secure planning permission.
- For an arbitrator, providing advice regarding the construction of lease repairing provisions
- In an arbitration for a land owner bringing claims against public utilities.
- In the Court of Appeal resisting a challenge to an expert determination under a mining lease – *Homepace v SITA* [2008].