



## Sebastian Allen

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### Qualifications and Appointments

- Law scholar at Christ Church College, Oxford, where he was awarded the Lovell's Prize for his undergraduate degree and the Hugh Pilkington scholarship for his bachelor of civil law degree.
- Awarded the main Lincoln's Inn Scholarship, the Lord Mansfield scholarship, as well as the Hardwicke scholarship and the Buchanan Prize for obtaining a distinction in his bar school exams.

*“Shows judgment beyond his years of call”*

The Legal 500

### Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Bar Pro Bono Panel
- Commercial Bar Association

### Practice Overview

Sebastian has a broad commercial and chancery practice covering all the main areas of work in Wilberforce Chambers. He has particular experience, both as an advisor and advocate, of large-scale litigation relating to pensions, commercial and company litigation, financial services, trusts, insolvency, professional negligence and property disputes.

Sebastian is frequently instructed on cases with an international element and is used to working with multi-jurisdictional legal teams. He deals with complex multi-party litigation and is regularly led by Queen's Counsel both within and outside Wilberforce Chambers.

Sebastian appears regularly in the High Court and County Courts representing clients in both interlocutory applications and trials.

The recent edition of Chambers & Partners, 2017 describes him as 'a well-regarded junior with experience in the full spectrum of pensions cases who has advised and advocated on some of the most large-scale pensions disputes, including Silentnight and Nortel.' Solicitors describe him as *"always approachable and willing to help."*

Chambers & Partners 2016 describes him as *"technically very able and working with him is a happy experience as he hits deadlines". "He is really good and very diligent."*

The previous edition describes him as *"brilliant to work with, he gives clear advice and is prepared to go the extra mile."* Chambers & Partners 2015

Sebastian was ranked as *"highly-commended up-and-coming"* in Legal Week's 2011 "Future Stars of the Bar".



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## Trusts, Tax, Probate and Estates

Sebastian has significant experience of trust-related matters both offshore and onshore.

He regularly advises on both contentious and non-contentious matters.

He has applied his knowledge of trust law and fiduciary obligations in a variety of contexts, in particular commercial disputes and corporate transactions.

### **Notable matters that Sebastian has worked on include the following:**

*Lord Lloyd-Webber and the Andrew Lloyd Webber Art Foundation –v– HMRC.* Representing HMRC on a case that concerned the tax positions of the claimants in the context of their entitlement to Gift Aid Relief which involved issues of the valuation of licences for works of art of substantial value.

- Acting in respect of a high-profile estate and advising in relation to a claim for rectification of a will under S 20 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982 (with Shân Warnock-Smith QC).
- Advising on international aspects of estates, including where property bequeathed under a will is located outside the jurisdiction and where there are competing wills in different jurisdictions.
- Acting and advising in respect of cases under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.
- Advising in respect of the beneficial ownership of shares in a company listed on the London Stock Exchange belonging to a Belgium national who died intestate where all the relevant documents were in French.
- Placement with a firm of solicitors in order to assist with the complex administration of a particular high-value estate.
- Advising in relation to the construction of wills, the validity of wills, the potential claims against the administrators of an estate and the appropriate steps to take in the administration of estates.
- Advising a beneficiary under a will in relation to the ability to require the administrators of an estate to make a distribution under the terms of the will and in relation to any potential claims against the administrators for incurring unnecessary (Ic) capital gains tax for the estate.
- Advising in relation to solicitors' conflicts of interest in acting for more than one beneficiary under a will.