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Qualifications and Appointments

- Studied Law at Brasenose College, Oxford and graduated in 2012 with a first class degree.
- Awarded the Wronker Law Prize for the placing joint first in the university.
- Completed the BCL (distinction) and the BPTC (outstanding).
- Lord Denning scholar of Lincoln's Inn.

Publications

- [Property Update \(2017\) Issue 3 \(Editor\)](#)
- ['Changes to section 21 notices: the Deregulation Act 2015' \(2016\)](#)
Wilberforce Property Update (Issue 2) April 2016

Practice Overview

Tim has a very busy commercial chancery practice focussing on civil fraud (with extensive experience of freezing injunctions and other forms of interim relief), company and insolvency work, commercial trusts and pensions litigation. He frequently appears in both the Commercial Court and in the Chancery Division. Tim also has substantial experience of offshore work and cases with an international element.

Notable recent work includes:

- Acting to enter a US\$17 million judgment in *Bostani v Pieper* [2019] 4 WLR 44, as part of an enforcement exercise that involved obtaining freezing injunctions and Norwich Pharmacal relief in various jurisdictions, including England, Anguilla and the BVI.
- Appearing for the principal employer in *Univar UK Ltd v Smith* [2020] EWHC 1596 in a claim to rectify a pension scheme definitive deed and rules, which erroneously required increases to pensions in payment and revaluation of pensions in deferment to be calculated by reference to the Retail Prices Index.
- Appearing in *Barrowfen Properties Limited v Patel* [2020] EWHC 1145 (Ch), in a strike out application relating to a number of dishonesty claims brought against a firm of solicitors including dishonest assistance, deceit and unlawful means conspiracy.
- Acting to resist an application to discharge receivers appointed by way of equitable execution in *JSC VTB Bank v Skurikhin* [2019] EWHC 1407 (Comm), in complex enforcement proceedings relating to an offshore trust structure involving entities in Liechtenstein, the BVI and Saint Kitts and Nevis.
- Appearing in *KeyMed (Medical & Industrial Equipment) Limited v Hillman* [2019] EWHC 485 (Ch), a £50 million claim for breach of directors' duties relating to the administration of a pension scheme.
- Appearing for the trustee in *Granada UK Rental and Retail Ltd v Pensions Regulator* [2018] UKUT 164 (TCC), the first reference to the Upper Tribunal of a determination to issue a financial support direction.
- Instructed to defend proceedings relating to an alleged oral contract to build an investment fund, with is alleged to have resulted in lost profits of €25 million.
- Instructed as sole counsel in a £1 million claim for breach of contract relating to the development of a video game.
- Appearing as sole counsel to obtain an injunction restraining the misuse of confidential information and breach of restrictive covenants.
- Acting as sole counsel in a claim for fraudulent misrepresentation and/or breach of warranty relating to a share purchase agreement.
- Acting in relation to numerous interim applications including freezing injunctions, applications for Norwich Pharmacal and Bankers Trust relief, applications for security for costs and applications for service out of the jurisdiction.



Practice Overview continued

Prior to joining Wilberforce, Tim studied Law at Brasenose College, Oxford, and graduated with a first class degree. He was awarded the Wronker Law Prize for placing joint first in the university. He went on to obtain a distinction in the BCL.

Professional Liability

Tim has been instructed in a range of professional liability disputes, typically arising out of pensions, property and commercial work.

Recent instructions include:

- Advising about a negligence claim against a firm of solicitors relating to the drafting of the definitive deed and rules of an occupational pension scheme.
- Acting in a professional liability claim against a corporate trustee arising out of its lending of trust monies.
- Acting in a £5 million claim against a firm of solicitors for acting in conflict of interest and providing negligent advice.
- Acting in disciplinary proceedings brought against an actuary by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.