



Edward Dobson



Year of call: 2011

Areas of Practice

Business & Commercial, Personal Injury, Property, Landlord & Tenant, Direct Public Access Barristers, Local Authorities & Public Law

Edward is a civil practitioner with a particular specialism in licensing work.

CIVIL

Edward maintains a general civil practice which stretches across the fields of personal injury, credit hire, insolvency, landlord and tenant (both residential and commercial), sale of goods disputes, and general commercial litigation.

Having cut his teeth in the criminal courts Edward is an experienced and persuasive courtroom advocate. Maintaining a multi-disciplinary civil practice allows him to utilise arguments from across the whole spectrum of legal disciplines.

Edward is happy to advise and settle pleadings in all of the above areas of law.

Personal injury

Edward has a busy personal injury practice. He has significant experience of claims arising out of road traffic accidents, as well as those arising in other contexts, including employer's and occupier's liability. He is instructed to appear in claims allocated to the Fast and Multi Track and has much experience of dealing with cases involving allegations of fraud and fundamental dishonesty.

Edward is happy to provide written advices and to settle pleadings and schedules of loss.

Recent cases include advising on a high value fatal accidents claim which included cross-jurisdictional arguments as the deceased's spouse was resident in Pakistan.

Credit Hire

Edward acts for both Claimants and Defendants and often appears on behalf of some of the UK's top 10 insurance companies. He has had considerable success in defeating entire claims for credit hire, employing the full range of technical and evidential arguments.

C v KS Ltd – successfully securing the dismissal of a high value claim for credit hire, along with a wasted costs order against the Claimant's solicitors for improper and negligent conduct.

AF v JB – appearing for the Claimant where he secured relief from sanction from the late filing of witness statements. In addition, Edward successfully argued against the submission that the credit hire agreement was the result of a misrepresentation and obtained judgment in full for his client.

General civil/commercial

H v H – Strike out application on a commercial claim applying the principle of *res judicata*.

HK v ED & others – successfully obtained urgent without-notice injunction to preserve evidence in a high value commercial case.

Landlord and Tenant & Possession

E & others v C & others - acting for five tenants in a case concerning whether the grant of a tenancy-at-will is protected under the Landlord & Tenant Act 1951.

DB v 107 FR – appearing in the First Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) on a successful application for adverse possession of a garage.

HBC v B & Others – representing a local authority in opposing an application for relief from forfeiture in connection to a commercial lease.

Insolvency

K v Trustees in Bankruptcy & others – acting for a debtor in a successful application to annul a bankruptcy order with arguments over service of the petition and the meaning of “liquidated damages”.

TiB v HA and others – a two-trial trial acting for the co-owner of a property, the legal owner of which was a bankrupt.

Sale of Goods

Advising and drafting a defence and additional claim in a case concerning the *nemo dat* rule and good title to a stolen car.

TVF v F LTD – represented the Defendant on an application to amend the defence in a large scale case concerning the importation of meat from Europe.

LICENSING

Edward has a busy licensing practice in which acts for both licensed trade and local authorities.

He regularly appears before licensing sub-committees on a wide range of hearings. Additionally, he is frequently instructed on appeals in the Magistrates' and Crown Courts

Edward also acts as the legal advisor to a number of licensing sub-committees.

Advising and appearing for the applicant in a contested late-night premises licence application where he was successful in obtaining both an alcohol licence and an increase in operating hours.

Acting as legal advisor to the licensing sub-committee on a review hearing concerning a well-known nightclub in Romford.

Acting as legal advisor to the licensing sub-committee on a TEN application and subsequent premises licence application.

REGULATORY

Edward accepts instructions in a wide range of regulatory matters and has a particular expertise in planning enforcement, HMOs, food hygiene, noise abatement and housing licences.

Housing

LBN v L & Others – Edward was led acting for the local authority in a two-week prosecution under the Housing Act 2004 of 10 defendants. Convictions were secured against all defendants. One of the largest prosecutions of its kind.

LBTH v HH – acting for the defendant in a prosecution under the Housing Act 2004. After successfully negotiating with the Prosecution the charges were withdrawn and the client accepted a written warning without paying any costs.

LBN v JP and others – acting for the local authority on a two-day appeal by the defendants against convictions under the Housing Act 2004. Edward successfully secured the dismissal of the appeals.

LBN v AD Limited & others – successful prosecution of a well-known hotel in east London for breaches of fire safety regulations

Environmental Protection

LBM v BB – appearing for the local authority in both the Magistrates Court and on appeal in the Crown Court on a successful prosecution of “fly-tipping” offences concerning ice creams vans on Clapham Common.

ML Care Home Ltd v LBH - acting for a Local Authority in an appeal against the issue of a noise abatement notice

Taxi Licensing

AV v ABDC – successfully defeating an appeal by a taxi driver against the revocation of his taxi licence.

EDUCATION & AWARDS

Bar Professional Training Course (VC), College of Law.

GDL (Commendation), College of Law.

BA(Hons) Politics & History (2.1), University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Cholmeley Studentship.

Tancred Studentship.

Hardwicke Entrance Award.

PERSONAL & MEMBERSHIPS

Edward read history at university before converting to law. He has a growing interest in canon law and is churchwarden of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell. He enjoys the best of food and wine, test match cricket, and sound liturgy.

The Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn

Common Law & Commercial Bar Association

Ecclesiastical Law Society

WHAT CLIENT'S SAY

"Mr Dobson is excellent, accessible and a pleasure to instruct. He grasps issues quickly and gets to the core of matters. He is a safe pair of hands who handles clients very well" - Instructing solicitor

"The client was very impressed with you and has asked if you can attend on the next hearing" - Instructing solicitor



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