



Ivan Clarke



Year of call: 1973

Areas of Practice

Business & Commercial, Construction, Professional Negligence & Liability, Crime, Local Authorities & Public Law, Personal Injury, Property, Landlord & Tenant, Direct Public Access Barristers

EDUCATION

LL.B. (Hons) Nottingham
Gray's Inn, Barrister-at-Law

APPOINTMENTS

TECBAR Adjudicator

PRACTICE PROFILE

Ivan has over 35 years' experience at the Bar. He is a specialist in commercial property and construction litigation and is a senior member of the Construction, Professional Negligence & Liability team and the Property, Landlord & Tenant team in Chambers. He is instructed on behalf of both private and commercial clients and by local authorities.

Ivan's expertise means that he is much sought after to present in-house or external seminars on party walls the use of expert witnesses and a variety of construction and property law issues. In addition, he is a Visiting Senior Lecturer at the University of Greenwich School of Architect, Design and Construction.

Peers regularly remark on Ivan's "encyclopaedic knowledge" of the law his "forensic assessment of documents and other evidence" while clients appreciate his "meticulous preparation of a case" and his "practical and commercial approach".

Ivan would himself say "I am good at solving problems".

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

•Construction law - Ivan has extensive experience in all aspects of construction law having acted for employers, main contractors, sub-contractors and construction professionals in a variety of building claims relating to defective work, non-payment, delay and loss & expense involving the JCT and other standard forms of building contracts.

•Property and Landlord & Tenant - as well as to the full range of landlord & tenant claims relating to both business and residential premises, Ivan's property work encompasses matters that are often construction related, such as defective and dangerous premises, party walls, boundary disputes, rights of support and restrictive covenants. In addition, Ivan has experience of harassment and unlawful eviction claims including a claim for harassment against a commercial landlord.

•Professional negligence & liability - Ivan has experience of dealing with professional negligence and liability claims involving architects, surveyors, valuers and solicitors.

OTHER AREAS

Ivan has experience of all manner of contractual claims including informal partnership disputes and personal injury claims involving construction sites and defective buildings.

Ivan has experience of "white collar" crime and he recently led in a fraud prosecution involving over 10,000 documents and 101 witnesses.

NOTABLE CASES

Pagemanor Ltd. v Ryan (distribution of property at an under value)

Payemanor Ltd. v Ryan (No2) (security for costs)

Zavros v Pradham & Hakin (renewal of business tenancy)

Hajigeorgiou v Vasiliou (disclosure of unwanted expert reports)

MEMBERSHIPS

TECBAR

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Ivan is qualified under the Direct Public Access to Barristers Scheme

INTERESTS

In his spare time Ivan takes a keen interest in naval warfare with a particular interest in the history of the sailing navy and an occasional game of chess together with visits to concerts, the opera and the theatre.

