

Anthony de Freitas

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Anthony de Freitas' principal areas of practice are those involving professional negligence claims, agricultural holdings and disciplinary matters. He acts for and against lawyers, accountants, financial advisers, surveyors and other non-medical professionals.



Practice profile

Professional negligence

Anthony acts for both Claimants and Defendants in a wide variety of professional negligence claims. Claims against solicitors include claims for mismanagement of litigation, negligent advice and drafting in relation to property and other commercial transactions including shares sales and acquisitions. Claims against accountants and other financial advisers, including stockbrokers, include claims for negligent tax advice, due diligence work, audit work, and negligence investment advice in relation to both pensions and pension funds. Claims against insurance brokers include claims for failure to arrange appropriate insurance and failure to draw insured's attention to special terms of policies in particular exclusion clauses. Claims against surveyors and valuers include claims for negligent surveys and valuations of both domestic and commercial properties.

He has also advised both insured and underwriters on issues arising under policies especially construction and notification issues.

He has acted for and advised many entertainers and sportsmen in relation to contracts, including on restraint of trade issues, and intellectual property rights.

Agricultural Holdings

He has acted for and advised both landlords (including pension funds) and tenants on a wide range of disputes involving agricultural holdings and farming; including rent reviews, succession disputes, share farming agreements, milk, and other, quota disputes etc.

Further information

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Specialist areas: professional negligence, agricultural holdings

Education: St John's College Oxford (MA)

Appointments: Recorder

ADR: Mediator

Recent cases

Greenbank v Pickles 2001 1 EGLR 1 (Leading case on valuation of agricultural tenancy)

St John's Hospital v Keevil 2001 EWCA Civ 1730 (compensation to tenant for compulsory acquisition of agricultural land/estoppel)

Gold v Mincoff Science & Gold 2005 *Neuberger J Costs Law Report* (costs order where Claimant succeeded by virtue of late

amendment)

Legal Services Commission v Aaronson 2006 EWHC 1162 (Legal Service commission not entitled to pursue delivery up of files in issue in existing arbitration proceedings between the parties)

What others say

"Anthony De Freitas of Hailsham Chambers is a specialist in agricultural holdings. Commentators admire him for being 'highly capable and thoroughly engaged in his subject'." *Chambers UK 2010*

"Anthony De Freitas of Hailsham Chambers has attracted praise from peers for his extensive knowledge of issues surrounding agricultural tenancies. He is 'very senior and very reliable' in this area." *Chambers UK 2009*

"well inserted into the loop of agricultural specialists" "the leading choice for professional negligence cases against land agents, agriculture solicitors and surveyors" *Chambers*

"for agricultural disputes which have a professional negligence aspect [he] is hard to beat" *Legal 500*

Personal info

Married – 2 children

Interests – Bridge, cricket, horseracing (director of British Horseracing Board 2004-2007)
