



Richard Spearman KC

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"He is extremely clever and knows exactly how to present a case to a judge." The Legal 500

Richard has a wide-ranging practice which includes commercial fraud, tracing, media and entertainment, film and music industry law, sports law, insurance, and professional negligence.

Richard has appeared in many high-profile and reported cases; was briefed in the House of Lords/Supreme Court in *Grobelaar v NGN*, *Campbell v MGN*, *Cream Holdings v Banerjee*, *Polanski v Conde Nast*, and *Ivey v Genting Casinos*; has appeared in numerous cases in the Court of Appeal and all divisions of the High Court; and has advised on and appeared in litigation overseas (Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Hong Kong, Malaysia) as well as in commercial, media and sport arbitrations.

Richard was shortlisted for "Barrister of the Year" in 2003, was the inaugural The Legal 500 IP, IT and Media Silk of the Year 2013, and is highly recommended in legal directories.

Richard sits as a deputy High Court judge in both the Chancery Division and the King's Bench Division (including Media and Communications (MAC) List). He accepts appointments as an arbitrator and has been nominated by a party or appointed by the arbitral body in London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitrations. He has been called to the Bars of Gibraltar, Trinidad and Tobago and the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (BVI).

Areas of expertise

Information and Media

Commercial

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Sport

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Richard has been nominated by a party in several LCIA arbitrations, appointed by the LCIA as the sole arbitrator in one further LCIA arbitration, and nominated by one of the parties in two WIPO arbitrations. All

of the party nominated matters were very substantial, and involved large sums of money, complex factual and legal issues, and a significant international element. The LCIA appointment related to determination of a jurisdictional issue, after which the matter did not proceed. Further details cannot be given due to the confidentiality attaching to these matters.

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Bar Sports Law Group

Qualifications

Education

- 1971-1974 King's College, Cambridge (BA 1974, MA 1976)

Additional information

Appointments

- 1996 Queen's Counsel
- 1998 Recorder of the Crown Court 1998
- 2004 Recorder of the County Court
- 2006 Bencher Middle Temple
- 2012 Head of Chambers, 4-5, Gray's Inn Square
- 2013 Deputy High Court Judge (Chancery Division)
- 2019 (February) Deputy High Court Judge (Queen's Bench Division)
- 2019 (October) appointed a Media and Communications List Judge

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