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Year of call: 1999

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"Absolutely at the cutting edge; solid reliable and innovative." Chambers and Partners

Shaman's practice covers several fields of commercial and common law with his costs practice bridging over both fields. Most recently he has been regularly involved in injunctive relief in the High Court and is heavily engaged in group action in the Grenfell civil proceedings on behalf of 85 claimants, and the group action of professional rugby players against World Rugby and other governing bodies. He is regularly in the High Court and Senior Courts Costs Office and receives instructions domestically and internationally. He is a frequent speaker at most key seminars on the costs calendar. He teaches advocacy for Lincoln's Inn and has been ranked as a leading junior for many years. He was a contributing editor to Sweet & Maxwell's Greenslade on Costs (2009-2017), he is the editor of our Costs Newsletter (3+9 = Costs) and is a contributing editor to Thomson Reuters' "Costs & Funding following the Civil Justice Reforms: Questions & Answers", The White Book. He is a qualified mediator and is an appointed deputy district judge.

Areas of expertise

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury
Commercial
Construction
Costs and Litigation Funding
Arbitration

Construction

Specifically arising out of the Grenfell Tower tragedy, Shaman has experience of the Building Regulations, Approved Document B, and The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. This experience is complemented by Shaman's experience at common law including landlord and tenant, contractual disputes generally, insurance work and claims for compensation (whether arising out of injury or not). He is well placed to engage in cladding and other building defect disputes.

Cases of note

- *Sid-Ali Atmani and 84 others v (1) Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea (2) The*

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation Limited [Ongoing] - The Grenfell Tower fire tragedy resulted in the death of 72 people. It has proved to be a landmark moment in fire and building safety and construction method and may yet be a landmark case for principles of compensation in an injury claim arising out of a tort. Shaman's clients (led by Susan Rodway QC) are the only claimants to have articulated their claims in a particulars of claim being a vast document asserting duties arising out of common law and statute as well as misfeasance in public office, and claiming for aggravated and exemplary damages in addition to compensation.

Recommendations

- *"Down to earth and does not mince his words. He embraces technology and has a good drafting style." "Shaman goes above and beyond."* (Chambers and Partners 2022)
- *"Has a broad range of knowledge, and is adept at dealing with all manner of knotty problems thrown up during costs hearings." "Absolutely at the cutting edge." "Solid, reliable and innovative, he offers good-quality advice in a timely fashion."* (Chambers and Partners 2021)
- *"A fighter for the client who has got an encyclopaedic knowledge when it comes to costs. He is able to act for individual clients as well as commercial ones, and can explain things well to them. He knows this area of law inside out and presents his cases with sophistication."* (Chambers and Partners 2020)
- *"Has the right mindset to be able to compromise with the other side on commercial terms; if not able to settle, he is, however, a robust advocate who stands up for the cause." "He is concise and easily understandable."* (Chambers and Partners 2019)
- *"Shaman is truly an expert in the costs arena."* (The Legal 500 2022)
- *"One of the most commercially savvy barristers one can find and a very formidable advocate."* (The Legal 500 2021)
- *"Clear, to the point and his advice is always solution focused."* (The Legal 500 2020)

Memberships

- The Commercial Bar Association (combar)
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)

Qualifications

Education

- University College London, LLM
- Inns of Court School of Law & City University, Bar Vocation Course, Pgdl
- Manchester Metropolitan University, LLB.Hons Law with French
- Sciences Po, Universite de Lille II, Lille, France, Certificat d'Etudes Politiques

Scholarships and Prizes

- Fox Scholar, Middle Temple
- Hardwicke Scholar, Lincoln's Inn

Additional information

Appointments

- 2019 – onwards: Deputy District Judge
- 2015 – onwards: Mediator
- 2012 – onwards: Lead Advocacy Tutor, Lincoln's Inn

Languages

- Punjabi
- French

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