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Ashley is a busy commercial practitioner. He regularly appears in the Commercial Court, Technology and Construction Court and the Property Tribunals. Ashley is often instructed to advise on appeals. Ashley's cases are frequently reported. Ashley has appeared against silks and is regularly led.

Ashley is instructed in international commercial cases, which have included arbitrations. Recent cases include jurisdictions such as Dubai, Bahrain, Bahamas, the Balkans and America. His international work usually consists of jurisdictional issues, civil fraud, insolvency and enforcement.

Ashley is regularly instructed on freezing injunction applications.

Ashley also has vast experience of professional negligence and insurance claims and co-authored the Professional Negligence Journal review of the year chapter for Bloomsbury Press in 2020.

Areas of expertise

Commercial

Construction

Property

Property

Cases of note:

- ***GFH Capital v Haigh [2021-ongoing] (KB)*** – Acting on behalf of Gulf Finance House in the recovery and transfer of multiple properties including a hotel and apartments held on constructive trust. Ashley has represented GFH in multiple hearings on the case which eventually led to a debarring order against the Defendant and an order for the transfer of the properties to GFH. Ashley remains instructed in respect of the recovery of various other properties.
- ***HNWI v Bahamas Developer (2023)*** – Acting on behalf of a HNWI in the Bahamas following the destruction of various trees and habitats after the developer of a neighbouring property had built a road without the owner's consent.
- ***Developer v Campaign for Truth and Justice (2023-2024)*** – Ashley continues to act for the

developer in the recovery of real estate from the Campaign for Truth and Justice, an organisation that seizes various land and property in the Greater London Area citing Magna Carta.

- **Cambridge County Council v A Residents Association (2023)** – Acted for Cambridge County Council in defeating arguments surrounding the conversion of property from business use to a residential development.
- **A Residents Association v Tenants (2023) (First Tier-tribunal)** – Advising and representing a resident’s association that service charges were not properly payable under a lease.
- **Davies v Zoom Properties (2022)** – Successfully acted on behalf of Mr Davies in obtaining a Freezing Injunction to prevent the legal transfer of his property to zoom which had been fraudulently acquired by a third party.
- **Local Authority v 220 Residents (2022)** – Advising a local authority on a failure to provide proper notice to various residents about charges that had been made under leases without serving the requisite notice.

Recommendations

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Memberships

- The Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
- HK45

Qualifications

Education

- ICSL (Bar Finals)
- LLB Hons

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