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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

## Construction

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### Adjudications

- **KL v A (2023)** – Advising a referring party in respect of the effects of liquidation on adjudication proceedings.
- **Various v National Cinema Chain (2023)**. Acting on behalf of a national cinema chain in respect of defending various adjudications arising out of alleged poor workmanship.
- **C v E (2022)** – Ashley acted on behalf of a mechanical electrical contractor in recovering monies following a dispute as to the work performed and issues surrounding prolongation.

### Court

- **G & D Brickwork Contractors Ltd v Marbank Construction [2021] EWHC 3009 (TCC)**

[2021] 10 WLUK 523 – The case concerned the relationship between strike out in the County Court, subsequent adjudication and enforcement in the TCC.

- **Italian KBB Co Ltd v Boutros [2021] 196 Con. L.R.224** – Ashley appeared on behalf of a defendant in this complex construction dispute concerning breach of contract, the right to insist upon an account and the law concerning penalty interest clauses.

## Arbitrations

- **X v Bahamas Building Company (2022)** – Instructed by a Silk at a leading Bahamas law firm in respect of a high value dispute under the American Institute of Architects rules. Ashley acted on behalf of a HNWI against the construction firm. The dispute surrounded interpretation of the building contract and valuation.
- **A v Pension Development Company (2023)** – Acting on behalf of a national land purchaser in a dispute surrounding the completion terms of a large development of retirement properties in South London. Led by Thomas Hill KC.

## Recommendations

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## Memberships

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- The Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
- HK45

## Qualifications

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### Education

- IC SL (Bar Finals)
- LLB Hons

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