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## **Christopher Moss**

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Christopher accepts instructions across all Chambers' practice areas and undertakes the full range of work from advisory and pleadings to appearing in court. Christopher has appeared in the High Court (Administrative division); in the Court of Protection; and in a range of county court matters including personal injury, road traffic accidents, credit hire and housing disrepair.

Christopher has a particular interest in planning and environmental law having recently been led by Richard Wald KC, and Daniel Stedman Jones, in matters relating to asylum barges, environmental advertising and solar farms respectively. He is a headnoter for the Property, Planning and Compensation reports, a coeditor of Chambers' Planning, Environment and Property Newsletter and frequently produces case analysis on planning and environmental matters for LexisNexis.

Christopher has a growing practice in costs and litigation funding, having assisted Nicola Greaney KC acting for the Class Representative in *Alex Neill Class Representative Limited v Sony* [2023] CAT 73, the first decision to address the validity of a PCR's funding arrangements following the Supreme Court's judgment in *Paccar*.

Christopher is a contributing editor to the Banking and Bills of Exchange chapter of Atkin's Court Forms (Vol 6(2) 2023) and has assisted in editing chapters on local authority meetings, the structure of local government, and charities in Shackleton on the Law and Practice of Meetings (Sweet and Maxwell, 16th edition, 2023).

Christopher is a member of ALBA, PEBA, UKELA, PIBA and the SCL. He is willing to accept pro bono instructions in appropriate case.

# Areas of expertise

Planning and Environment

Commercial, Construction and Property

Public Law

Civil Liability

Costs and Litigation Funding

Court of Protection

#### **Public Law**

Christopher has a broad public law practice. He recently worked with Jonathan Seitler KC advising a local

authority on potential public law challenges to the tabling of a commercial offer to purchase a significant parcel of land.

- Advised the Department for Environment Farming and Rural Affairs on the implementation of secondary legislation under the Animals (Penalty Notices) Act 2022;
- Assisted in reviewing environmental legislation for a Government agency; and
- Regularly undertaken disclosure and document review exercises for several Government departments.

### Qualifications

- 2021: LLM Legal Practice Bar, BPP Distinction
- 2020: LLB University College London First Class (Hons)

### Scholarships and Prizes

- Lincoln's Inn Buchanan Prize
- BPP Law School Excellence, Career Commitment and Advocacy Scholarships

January 2022, Christopher and co-pupil from 39 Essex Chambers won the Worshipful Company of Arbitrator's Mediation Competition 2022 and also received the Karl Davies Past Masters award for Most Creative Solution.

Previously, Christopher was a member of the team from University College London in the 2019-20 Oxford University Press Inns of Court College of Advocacy Mooting Competition, reaching the semi-finals before the competition was curtailed due to Covid-19. Christopher was also a member of the winning team in the 2019 University College London - Kings College London Varsity Moot and the 2018 University College London - Cambridge University Varsity Moot.

#### Additional Information

Christopher previously worked for the Legal Aid Practitioner's Group as an assistant to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Legal Aid where he helped draft the 2021 Westminster Commission on Legal Aid's inquiry report on the "Sustainability and Recovery of the Legal Aid Sector".

Christopher also worked as a research assistant to Professor Dame Hazel Genn and co-authored a chapter on Lady Hale's access to justice in, "Justice for Everyone - the Jurisprudence and Legal Lives of Brenda Hale, "Cambridge University Press, 2022.

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