

The Litigation Team

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Chris Bowler

Chris is a Partner and Head of the Litigation/Dispute Resolution department.

Chris read law at Exeter University and qualified as a solicitor in 1977. He trained and then worked as a qualified solicitor initially at Macfarlanes, a large city of London firm, before joining Mercers in 1980. He became a partner in 1981 and Managing Partner in 2004.

Chris specialises in the following areas:

- Property Disputes. Recent disputes concern the benefits/burden of restrictive covenants, boundaries, rights of way and easements of parking.
- Landlord and Tenant disputes including possession claims in relation to both residential and commercial properties on the grounds of tenant breaches. Chris is also experienced in dealing with Administrators/Receivers following the insolvency of the Tenant.
- Personal Injury claims involving serious injuries at work, public liability claims against hotels, restaurants, cruise companies and local authorities and road traffic accident claims.

What clients say about Chris

"Chris thank you so much. You didn't miss a thing – I really am so grateful" – Mrs G, Berkshire

"Thank you so much for everything you've done, and for all the hard bargaining you've endured on my behalf through the past year or so. I cannot tell you just how much your help has been appreciated" – Mrs S, Berkshire

"I would like to say how very pleased I was with all Chris Bowler's help during a very difficult time" – Mr T, Berkshire

"On the few occasions I have needed litigation assistance, I have always found Mercers to be efficient and professional. Each time I have needed their service has resulted in a positive outcome. I have no hesitation using Mercers in the future" – Anonymous

"Thank you ever so much for your assistance in getting full possession of the property. It is without any doubt that this situation would have been immensely more complicated without your efficient and effective involvement" - Mr R. M., Head of Residential Lettings



Stevyn Jackson

Stevyn is an Associate Solicitor with our Employment and Dispute Resolution department. He specialises in Employment matters such as;

- Unfair and wrongful dismissal claims
- Settlement Agreements
- TUPE
- Redundancy
- Discrimination

- Termination of Employment
- Preparation and review of service agreements for senior executives
- Checking and drafting contracts of employment
- Handbook and Policy review
- Advising on disciplinary and grievance matters

Stevyn is a very experienced Litigator and can assist in the following areas:-

- Property disputes such as adverse possession claims, disputes over rights of way and easements
- Contractual disputes arising out of the sale of goods
- Negligence claims against surveyors and builders
- Debt recovery matters
- All Motoring Offences to include speeding, excess alcohol, failure to stop, and careless and dangerous driving

Stevyn is a graduate of Birmingham University and Guildford Law College and qualified as a solicitor in October 1991. Early in his career Stevyn worked for Blake Laphorn in London, and more recently for HMG Law (formerly Herbert Mallam Gowers) in Oxford whom he joined as a solicitor in January 2008 before becoming a partner and Head of Dispute Resolution in July 2010. He remained in that role until he joined Mercers in June 2017.

What clients say about Stevyn

“My extremely grateful thanks for your handling of the problem. I am so relieved to have it done with – now I can sleep soundly. Thanks again for all you have accomplished on my behalf.” – Mr Chivers, Oxfordshire

“Very helpful and approachable, a good experience.” – Anonymous

“I would like to record my thanks for your service and the way it was provided – the outcome was certainly as good as I could expect.” – Mr P, Henley



Justine McCool

Justine is a partner and part of the Litigation/Dispute Resolution team.

Justine studied history at Magdalene College, Cambridge and worked in television news. She later read law at London University and qualified as a solicitor in 2012. She trained and worked at the Oxford Law Firm, Darbys and later at Knights plc and Hedges Law. Justine qualified as a member of ACTAPS in 2015.

Justine specialises in the following areas:

- Contentious Probate and Trust disputes, claims against the validity of a will, breach of trust claims against executors or trustees and resolving disputes between executors, trustees and beneficiaries
- Claims for reasonable provision from an estate under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975
- Disputes in connection with co-ownership of land, claims for an order for sale under TOLATA
- Commercial Property disputes such as lease renewal, rent arrears, forfeiture, dilapidations
- Residential Property disputes such as repossession claims
- Property disputes such as rights of way, easements