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Nicholas Bard

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Nicholas Bard is a specialist in civil and commercial law, with particular emphasis on professional negligence, as well as disputes involving contractual, property and construction issues.

He has considerable experience in mortgage-based claims, both against valuers and solicitors (negligence) and against borrowers (construction of mortgages, undue influence, etc). His practice spans a broad range of experience in civil litigation generally.

Nicholas possesses well-honed analytical skills and takes a pride in speedy absorption of facts. He is known for his pragmatic, client-friendly and down-to-earth approach as much as his ability to grasp detail and to see the wood for the trees.

Recent notable cases:

- *Platform v Anderson Associates* (QBD, trial Jan 2012) – valuers' negligence
- *HSBC v Gardner* (2012) – limitation, construction of guarantee to bank
- *Nahome v Last Cawthra Feather Solicitors* [2010] P.N.L.R. 19 (Ch Div) – solicitors' negligence in renewal of LTA 1954 lease, assessment of damages
- *Vinden v Turner* (2009) – dispute involving property, undue influence, assault and harassment, forgery of documents, and assessments of damages
- Walker v Kenley Ch D [2008] 1 P. & C.R. DG 21 – claim for overage following sale of property
- Gilboy v Kindercare (QBD, April 2007) - specific disclosure in libel action
- *Emriclands v Southerington* (2006 – County Court + briefly in Court of Appeal) – mortgage borrower's claim to have been acting under undue influence
- *Courtney v Corp Ltd* (trial, + Court of Appeal 2006) – damages for breach of contract to lend money
- *LTE Scientific Ltd v Thomas* QBD (2005) – restrictive covenant, contempt of court for breach of injunction
- *Keynejad v Keynejad* Ch Div (2004) - property and trust dispute between family members
- Nathan v Smilovitch (No.3) Ch Division (2002/3) – detailed account in dispute arising out of a joint venture to acquire and develop property

- *Somerfield Corporation v. Heneghan* - [2000, Ch D] – obtained award of damages pursuant to a *Mareva* cross-undertaking

Recommendations

Deep knowledge of law within his stated practice areas. He delivers an exceptional high quality of service both on paper and in Court. Very user friendly, much liked by clients. - *Stephen Chadwick, Associate, Browne Jacobson LLP*

Appointments

Deputy Master, King's Bench Division – appointed 2003

Deputy District Judge (Civil) – appointed 2003

Memberships and Associations

PNBA, COMBAR, LCLCBA

Before joining Devereux, tenant at Chambers of Richard Slowe, 4 Kings Bench Walk (1981-1988)

Awards and Scholarships

Brackenbury (Open) Entrance Scholarship – Balliol College, Oxford

Academic

MA (Oxon) in P.P.E.

Clifton College, Bristol

Balliol College, Oxford

Personal Interests

Music, theatre, bridge, chess

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