SIMON ARNOLD

Year of call: 2017

Clerked by: Luke Heywood Harry Young

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:
Arbitration   Banking & Finance   Commercial Litigation
Procurement   Professional Negligence   Technology &
Construction

Professional Negligence

Simon has many years' experience of both bringing and defending claims against a wide range of professional disciplines including architects, engineers, surveyors and solicitors.   His experience covers:

- Defending professional negligence claims against ground works contractors, piling contractors, civil engineering contractors, architects and design and build contractors.
- Claims against architects, project managers and design and build contractors.
- Drafting Particulars of Claim alleging negligence against several solicitors' firms in respect of advice given to Far East based purchasers of leasehold projects on a number of developments in Liverpool and Manchester. Matters currently on-going in the Chancery Division at Manchester District Registry.
- Acting for a number of homeowners and occupiers on a prestigious development alleging both design and workmanship defects against a national homebuilder in their respective properties.
- Successfully defending and settling at mediation a claim brought against a structural engineer in respect of alleged design defects in an Academy School roof.

Profile

With over 22 years of experience, the first 17 year of which was spent as a solicitor and latterly as a partner in a global law firm, Simon brings considerable legal, practical and commercial awareness to the matters on which he is instructed. His experience spans all aspects of commercial litigation with a focus on and experience in construction and engineering disputes, professional negligence claims (for both claimants and defendants), banking and finance disputes and insurance coverage matters.

Simon has appellate experience, including written advocacy in the Court of Appeal and written and oral advocacy at lower appellate level.

His recent experience includes:

- Advising an Italian manufacturer of specialist start/stop car batteries on a claim brought by a global car manufacturer. Claim value €100m+.
- Several instructions to enforce or resist enforcement of adjudicators' award in the High Court.
- Instructed (unled) by a major law firm on many high value, multi-party solicitor negligence claims: Total quantum circa £7m.
- Instructed (unled) by a City law firm to enforce guarantees given under a bilateral secured receivable finance facility agreement against overseas domiciled guarantors.
- Instructed by a building contractor to resist an employer's application for a freezing order. Injunction refused and costs awarded in favour of the contractor.
- Instructed on an international sale and supply of goods dispute.

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Memberships

Professional Negligence Bar Association

TECBAR

North Eastern Circuit Commercial Bar Association

Lincoln's Inn

Direct Access Accredited

Qualifications

1995 University of Lancaster Law with Economics (2:1)

1996 College of Law Legal Practice Course (Commendation)

1998 Partner at DAC Beachcroft 2010 – 2016

Recommendations

"He tailors his approach to the particular circumstances. He has good commercial awareness and is a diligent and conscientious lawyer state clients" [Chambers and Partners]

"Simon Arnold handles disputes for a wide range of clients and their insurers and provides advice which is always in depth and cuts to the key issues of the case." [Legal 500]

"…recommended for construction disputes on a national and international basis" [Legal 500]

"Dispute resolution specialist Simon Arnold is recognised for an impressive practice that often includes complex multiparty claims. Arnold is particularly noted for his defence of architects and engineers." [Chambers and Partners]

"Simon Arnold is recommended for construction related matters" [Legal 500]

[note: quotes apply to previous practice as a solicitor]