

STEVEN FLYNN

Year of call: 2006

Year of silk:

Clerked by: Avais Saleem Gary Young

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Arbitration Banking & Finance Commercial Litigation
Company Employment International & Offshore Partnership
Sport



Banking & Finance

Steven is regularly instructed by banks and other companies operating within the financial services sphere to assist in disputes involving issues of guarantees, mortgages, cheques, mistaken payments, negligent advice, undue influence and restitutionary claims. He also has considerable experience in dealing with disputes arising from consumer credit and leasing agreements.

Steven has also been involved in a number of cases that have involved whistleblowing allegations of market manipulation and insider trading.

Examples of recent cases include:

- Whistleblowing and market manipulation – Advising a director of a publicly traded company on his position in the event that he chose to blow the whistle to the FCA on market manipulation within his company.
- Consumer Credit – Successfully representing a finance company in a conjoined claim where a number of defendants were disputing the enforceability of a credit agreement.
- Insider trading – Advising a PLC where it was suspected that a director had been trading in company shares during the closed period.
- Hire Purchase – Obtaining delivery up of a motor vehicle following conversion.
- Discrimination – Representing banks against claims that they have unlawfully discriminated in the provision of services.
- Appeal – Successfully representing a bank in an appeal where the Defendant sought to appeal a judgment debt three years out of time on the basis that the bank had fraudulently withheld details relating to the enforceability of a credit agreement.

Profile

Steven is *'one of the top sports law juniors in the UK'* (Legal 500), working across the gamut of sports law. He frequently advises various participants including professional athletes, teams, governing bodies, agents, and players' associations on contractual, commercial and regulatory matters.

Away from the sports sector, Steven's practice is directed towards business protection. He is regularly instructed to deal with issues arising from employment contracts, breach of confidence, partnerships, restrictive covenants, and shareholder rights/obligations.

Steven is recognised as being, *'technically very astute'* and *'liked by judges'* (Chambers UK), with ability to *"put clients at ease in an instant in even the most stressful of cases."* (Legal 500)

Steven has a wealth of experience in arbitration and has been admitted as a Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He accepts appointments to sit as a sole arbitrator or as a member of a panel (including as chair).

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Memberships

British Association for Sport and Law

Employment Law Association

Employment Law Bar Association

The British Irish Commercial Bar Association

Appointments

Visiting Sports Law Fellow at the Centre for Sports Law Research, Edge Hill University

British Gymnastics Disciplinary Appeal Panel Member

British Cycling Disciplinary Appeal Panel Chair

England Boxing Disciplinary Panel Member

Sports Resolutions' Pro Bono Legal Services Panel

Qualifications

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Cardiff University

Cardiff Law School

Gray's Inn

Recommendations

Chambers UK 2021

"Thoroughly confident and liked by judges."

"Technically very astute"

Legal 500 2021

"Steve is one of the top sports law juniors in the UK, with experience across a number of sports and expertise in commercial and regulatory disputes."

"Steve is very knowledgeable of the sports sector, and extremely user friendly. He is contactable at all times, day or night and can put clients at ease in an instant in even the most stressful of cases."

"Consistently good and very reliable."

Chambers UK 2020

"Very clear and concise in his advice to clients. Extremely knowledgeable when it comes to rugby, in particular when dealing with regulatory matters." "He has the best knowledge of on-field disciplinary work and is a go-to in the area."

Legal 500 2019

“A very grounded barrister with a great intellect.”

“[Has] niche experience in handling employment disputes within the professional sports world.”

Legal 500 2017

“Very knowledgeable, thorough and technical.”

