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Memberships

- He is a member of the Planning and Environmental Bar Association. He has lectured throughout the UK at RTPI, housing and in-house events on variety of subjects.

Qualifications

- BA (hons) MMU Grays Inn

Appointments

- John was appointed a Recorder in 2003

Publications

- He was formerly the editor of the Encyclopedia of Environmental Health (Sweet and Maxwell)

Recommendations

Chambers UK 2022

"He is very experienced and very capable, and his experience cuts across not just planning and environmental law but environment offending too."

Chambers UK 2021

"He gives excellent advice on all fronts. He is good for strategy at an early stage as well as all the hard graft." "A very learned man with amazing skills. He will tell you how it is."

"He is always hyper-prepared with a good knowledge of the minutiae." "He is a top performer."

Legal 500 2021

"John knows his planning law inside out a go-to barrister."

Legal 500 2020

Always sees the bigger picture of a case.

Chambers UK 2020

"He is very calm under pressure and responds to any challenge before him."

"A leading junior who does heavyweight housing work." "Very impressive written advice." "He has a calm head under pressure."

Chambers UK 2019

"He's one of the brightest barristers I've ever met."

"A very skilled advocate in cross-examination. He's exceptionally responsive and he gives very clear advice." "Very sharp."

Legal 500 2019

"Noted for his expertise in mineral planning law."

Chambers UK 2018

"He's extremely client-friendly and is always willing to work as part of the team."

"Very good at ensuring everything is properly detailed and prepared so you have a strong case to run." "He has a full understanding of every case and a strategy moving forward."

Legal 500 2018:

"Known for representing developers and housebuilders."

Chambers UK 2017

"He has an excellent rapport with clients and is very empathetic." "He is a solid performer."

"He is phenomenally knowledgeable, extremely personable and easy to work with. He is firm but fair and is very clever at addressing weak points in the case." "He is exceptional."

Legal 500 2017:

"A real professional."

Chambers UK 2016

“An excellent practitioner.”

“Excellent: he is very experienced in all areas of planning and environmental law and fights hard for his clients, offering a highly skilled service.”

Accreditations

