

## CHANCERY HOUSE CHAMBERS

<b>NAME</b>	Jonathan French
<b>SPECIALISMS</b>	A commercial barrister specialising in the sale and carriage of goods, agency, consumer credit, bailment, contract, guarantees, insurance, banking, finance, international trade and restitution and as well as construction and technology disputes. Also practicing extensively in employment law with a particular emphasis on unfair dismissal, discrimination, restrictive covenants and breach of confidence claims.
<b>RECENT EXPERIENCE</b>	<p>Jonathan has been involved in substantial mediations, mainly in the commercial and construction sectors. Recent mediations have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Contractual dispute between local education authority and electronic equipment supplier.</li><li>▪ Multi-million pound construction/architecture dispute over refurbishment of large chain of bars and clubs.</li><li>▪ Employment law and defamation action brought by former employee.</li><li>▪ Domestic building and construction claim.</li><li>▪ Multi-party shopping centre redevelopment/lease claim.</li><li>▪ Supply of goods and services to national hotel chain.</li></ul>
<b>CAREER HISTORY</b>	<p>Called to the Bar in 1997 and having completed pupillage at specialist chambers in Leeds, Jonathan subsequently established a successful practice in commercial law, regularly appearing in heavyweight QBD matters in the Leeds Mercantile Court and the Technology and Construction Court. He also has substantial High Court and EAT experience in unfair dismissal, discrimination and restrictive covenant employment law claims. Instructed in personal injury actions including several multi-million pound brain damage claims, Jonathan has been an Associate Lecturer in Law with the Open University since 1999, specialising in contract, tort and restitutionary law.</p>

## **RECENT LITIGATION**

- Regularly representing FTSE 100 companies in substantial multi-track contractual and insurance disputes.
- Representing a large group of householders against national building chain.
- Advising manufacturer in a £2 million roll-cage contract with Australian high-street store.
- Representing national vehicle tracking plc in a series of lease hire disputes in the Technology and Construction Court.
- Appearing on behalf of international yarn supplier in Italian jurisdiction and sale of goods case.
- Drafting and advising on international supply of shower units from the South-East Asia.
- Representing builder in lengthy TCC construction trial.
- Advising environmental consultants over large-scale Brownfield housing development.
- EAT appeal on Reg. 4, Disability Discrimination (Meaning of Disability) Regulations 1996.
- Regular drafting of employment contracts, confidentiality clauses and restrictive covenants covering company executives.
- Regularly appearing in multi-day Employment Tribunal proceedings concerning disability, sex and race discrimination.
- Successful health and safety whistle-blowing claim against high street bank.

## **ACCREDITED MEDIATOR**

SPC Accredited Mediator October 2005.

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

LLB (Hons), LL.M.

Called to the Bar in November 1997 (Lincoln's Inn).

Associate Lecturer in Law, Open University 1999.

## **EDUCATION**

2005	The School of Psychotherapy and Counselling, Regent's College, London.
1996-1997	The Inns of Court School of Law.
1993-1996	The University of Manchester.
1986-1993	The Harrogate Grammar School.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

Employment Law Bar Association, Employment Lawyer Association, Industrial Law Society, APIL, Lawyers for Liberty, Environmental Law Foundation, UK Environmental Law Association, Amnesty International, Association of Northern Mediators.

## **PERSONAL DETAILS**

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