

RICHARD STOCKDALE

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. BACKGROUND

Personal Details

Home : Wakefield, West Yorkshire
Age : 45
Family : Married with four children
Leisure interest : Motor racing and cooking

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Danum Grammar School, Doncaster.

Keble College, Oxford (MA (Oxon) 1st Class Honours Degree in Jurisprudence).

The College of Law, Chester - Law Society's Final Examination.

Admitted as a Solicitor in October 1983.

CAREER HISTORY

1981 to 1986 - Articles and Assistant Solicitor, Emsley Collins in Leeds
1986 to 1996 - Partner and Head of Civil Litigation, Emsley Collins.
1997 to date - Partner with Brooke North and Head of the Commercial Dispute Resolution Team

POSITIONS HELD

1994 to 2001 Chairman Leeds Law Society Civil Litigation Sub Committee.
1995 to date Appointed a Deputy District Judge of the High Court and County Court (North Eastern Circuit).
1997 to date Visiting Lecturer in Arbitration law at Leeds Metropolitan University.
2000 to date Examiner in Arbitration law, Leeds Metropolitan University.
2000 to date Accredited Mediator on the CEDR panel of mediators.
2001 to 2002 Deputy President Leeds Law Society
2002 to 2003 President, Leeds Law Society
2001 to 2002 A contributing editor to Sweet & Maxwells "Practical Civil Court Precedents".
2003 Appointed a Local Conciliation Officer for the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors

Sept 2003 Awarded the Yorkshire Commercial Litigator of the Year Award

2. SUMMARY OF WORK AREAS

- General commercial litigation including breach of contract, supply disputes, partnerships and joint ventures, banking and insurance.
- All forms of construction litigation, arbitration, mediation and adjudication.
- Professional negligence claims against a wide range of professionals, including quantity surveyors, architects, solicitors, insurers and insurance brokers, pensions advisors and administrators and financial advisors.
- Non-contentious construction work including building contracts, professional appointments and collateral warranties.
- 20 years specialisation in all aspects of legal costs disputes.

3. RECENT EXPERIENCE

Recent matters handled by Richard Stockdale include:-

- A seven party dispute relating to the construction of a computer automated warehouse in the Midlands. The value of the claim was £6m.
- Several civil engineering arbitrations ranging in value from £750,000 to £2.4m.
- Acting on behalf of the Trustees of two pension funds in seeking to recover £3.1m and £750,000 respectively improperly removed from the funds.
- Several claims against solicitors involving allegations of professional negligence ranging in value from £150,000 to £275,000.
- Representing the Claimant in a claim against an international insurance company relating to the operation and breaches of a motor salvage agreement involving a claim of £275,000 and a counterclaim of £1.35m.
- Acting for a civil engineering main contractor in a claim for professional negligence against a claims consultant: value £375,000.
- Acting on behalf of a listed property company in the preparation of a full suite of construction documentation, including building contracts, professional appointments and collateral warranties.
- Acting for parties in various construction adjudications up to £320,000 in value.
- Acting for a major property developer against the professional design team in respect of remedial works to two large commercial office properties, each costing over £500,000 in repairs.
- Acting for a high technology printing company in a dispute with its machinery suppliers - claim value £420,000.
- Acting for an hotelier in a £2.6 million claim against a nationally known building company.
- Acting for an civil engineering contractor in a £2.2 million claim against another nationally known building company in relation to work carried out at the Health & Safety Executive's national laboratory at Buxton.

4. REPORTED CASES

The following cases handled by Richard Stockdale have been reported:-

- Skopos Design Ltd -v- Homelife Nursing Ltd The Times 24.3.88. (Court of Appeal).
- Re Boston Timber Fabrications Ltd, 1984 IBCC 99,052 (Court of Appeal)
- Barclays Bank Ltd -v- T W Miller, 1990 1 All ER 1040 (Court of Appeal)
- Hydrodan (Corby) Limited 1994 BCC 161
- Singh -v- Lunnun, The times 19.7.99. (Court of Appeal)
- VHE Construction plc -v- The Alfred McAlpine Construction Limited 1997 CILL 1253
- Balfron Trustees Limited -v- Petersen and Others (2001) 2 All ER 104

5. MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Acting as Assistant Mediator in each of the following cases:-

- 1 A large scale construction dispute relating to the conversion of a City Centre hotel into 63 residential apartments. Nationally known companies on either side (Employer and Main Contractor). Claim value £2.1M. Issues involved delay, negligent design and remediation costs.
- 2 Construction dispute relating to a high value private residential home. Claim by builder £37,000 and counterclaim for remedial works by the house owner £23,000.
- 3 Dispute between an International petroleum company and the operators of three petrol stations in the North East of England, all supplied under a solus agreement. The petrol company claimed £280,000, the operators counterclaimed a similar amount. The case won part of a class action in which generic issues of principle had been tried and judgment given. Appeals to the Court of Appeal are pending.
- 4 Small scale dispute between a national motor insurer and website design company (claim £5,600 and counterclaim £5,600). Allegations of breach of contract on each side. Complicated IT issues involved despite the low monetary values.

6. CONTACT DETAILS

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