

Stephen Howd

Qualified: Mediator, ADR Chambers

Specialist Areas: Commercial
Property
Professional Negligence
Conflict of Laws (cross-border cases)

Education: Oxford (B.A. Physics) and Cambridge (LL.M.)

General Information After taking a first degree in Physics at Christ Church, Oxford, Stephen Howd was the highest placed Middle Temple candidate in the 1989 Bar Exams and was awarded 6 scholarships and prizes by the Middle Temple, including a Queen Mother's Scholarship. He went on to read for an LL.M. at Jesus College, Cambridge, taking specialist papers in International Sales, Conflict of Laws, and Taxation, before commencing practice at the Bar in 1990.

Stephen Howd is based at St. Paul's Chambers in Leeds, where he specialises in Commercial, Property, and Professional Negligence work. Although based in Leeds, Stephen undertakes work nationwide. He has appeared, unled, in the House of Lords, where he was successful as Counsel for the Claimant in Cook v Financial Insurance Co. Ltd. [1998] 1 WLR 1765 and has appeared on numerous occasions in the Court of Appeal. Many of Stephen's cases involve accounting or technical issues, where he finds his academic background in physics and maths very useful.

Stephen's interests include photography, travel, and entertaining his children. He is a Hispanophile and speaks intermediate level Spanish.

Reported Cases: Cook v Financial Insurance Co. Ltd. [1998] 1 WLR 1765 (HL)
(insurance – construction of exceptions clause in disability insurance policy - whether Claimant had received advice, treatment, or counselling for the condition which caused his disability when condition was undiagnosed)

CPL Industrial Services Holdings Ltd. -v- R & L Freeman & Sons LTL 18/1/05 (CA)
(unless order- relief against sanctions - merits of defence)

Habton Farms v Nimmo [2004] Q.B. 1 (CA)
(agency – measure of damages for breach of warranty of authority - whether loss caused by the destruction of the subject matter of the intended contract was recoverable)

Granville Oil v Davis Turner & Co. Ltd. LTL 15/4/03 (CA) and LTL 22/10/02

(international trade – whether freight forwarder contracted as principal or as agent – whether 9 month time-bar clause satisfied requirement of reasonableness under UCTA 1977).

Pritchard v Cook LTL 4/6/98 (CA)

(sale of goods – whether a pre-contractual representation was also a warranty)

Galliford (UK) Ltd -v- Markel Capital Ltd. LTL 20/5/03

(Third Party (Rights Against Insurers) Act 1930 - adjudication award - whether judgment on award required to give rise to claim under the Act when insured was insolvent)

SSQ Europe SA v Johann & Backes OHG [2002] 1 Ll.R. 465

(conflict of laws – jurisdiction agreements - Art. 17 of Brussels Convention)

Re Hayward (deceased) [1996] 3 WLR 674

(conflict of laws – Art. 16 of Brussels Convention - whether claim by trustee in bankruptcy was a claim *in rem* to immovable property in Spain. Stephen was counsel for the first respondent at first instance but was unable to appear on the appeal)