



The Chancery Bar Association

The Chancery Bar Association is one of the longest established Bar Associations in England and Wales. Its members handle the full breadth of Chancery work at all levels of seniority.

Full membership of the association is restricted to those barristers of England and Wales whose practice consists primarily of Chancery work. Membership is also extended by invitation to others, including leading academics with an interest in Chancery law and overseas lawyers, enabling us to forge stronger links with practitioners internationally.

The Association represents the interests of Chancery barristers generally and is widely consulted by the judiciary, government and other agencies. It is represented on the General Council of the Bar, the profession's regulatory and representative body.

Benefits of membership include:

- seminars
- annual conference
- educational programme for new practitioners
- members' area of the website
- DVDs
- podcasts
- regular newsletter

For a list of members of the Association or for more information on becoming a member, please visit www.chba.org.uk.

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The Chancery Bar

Chancery barristers operate daily in a market economy and are judged on their performance with each piece of work undertaken. The Chancery Bar always has been, and continues to be, a byword for excellence, quality and attention to detail.

Chancery barristers offer an unrivalled breadth and depth of legal expertise across the whole spectrum of finance, property and business law.

Members of the Chancery Bar provide high quality advocacy

- in all courts in England and Wales
- in many courts abroad
- before specialist tribunals
- in arbitrations and mediations

and specialist advice on

- commercial, property and private client transactions
- dispute resolution
- drafting transactional documentation



Chancery Work

Chancery work gets its name from the Court of Chancery, the predecessor to the Chancery Division of the High Court and the court where the principles of Equity were first developed. It has its historic roots in the fields of real property, partnership and companies, insolvency, trusts and settlements, probate and succession.

The traditional areas of law remain highly important, but much of today's Chancery work arises in a wholly different commercial, and often international, environment.

Trusts specialists are now more likely to be concerned with investment trusts, pension funds and other investment vehicles than family settlements.

Property specialists are as much involved with secured commercial lending as domestic mortgages.

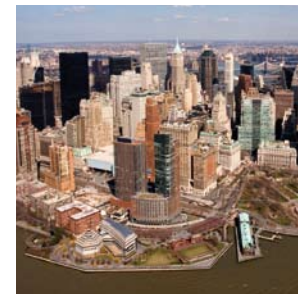
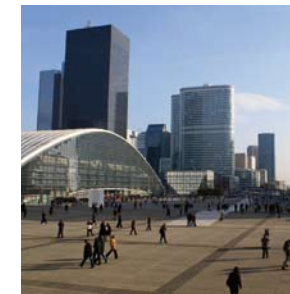
Company specialists deal as much with structured investment vehicles as trading companies.

Insolvency specialists are as likely to deal with international corporate group insolvencies as personal bankruptcy.

Intellectual property specialists handle passing off and privacy as often as patents.

As the flexible principles of Equity and property law have evolved to meet the complex legal challenges of an ever-changing commercial world, Chancery practitioners have come to play a leading role in many other areas of finance and business law.

For more information about the nature of the work done by members of the Chancery Bar, please visit our website: www.chba.org.uk



Overseas Work

Many Chancery barristers and chambers have close links with overseas jurisdictions, reflecting today's increasingly globalized market for legal services. These include both jurisdictions with legal systems based on English common law (Commonwealth countries and offshore jurisdictions in particular) and those with different legal traditions.

Chancery barristers

- advise overseas lawyers (including in-house Counsel) directly
- are often able to accept direct instructions from lay clients
- appear in arbitrations
- appear in overseas courts, subject to local rules
- act as expert witnesses of law