

Richard Price QC

LL B (Hons) – King’s College, London
1969 – Called Gray’s Inn
1996 – Queens Counsel
1997 – CEDR Accredited Mediator
1998-2002 – Member of the Bar Council and BarDirect Committee of the Bar Council
1998-2002 – Chairman of the Gray’s Inn Barristers Committee
1998-2002 – Member of the Gray’s Inn Management Committee
2002 – Elected Bencher of Gray’s Inn
2002 – Vice-Chairman of the Professional Conduct and Complaints Committee of the Bar Council

Fields of Practice

Mediation, Arbitration and ADR: including arbitrating in disputes in the construction plant hire and film industries, advising in connection with AFMA arbitrations, appearing in High Court applications relating to arbitrations, including applications for stays of proceedings based on arbitration clauses, and for injunctive relief, advising in relation to construction of arbitration clauses and the suitability of disputes for arbitration.

Recent mediation experience has included mediating solicitors’ and accountants’ professional multi-party negligence claims, construction disputes, clinical negligence claims, commercial contract disputes, copyright litigation and defamation claims.

Commercial: extensive experience of all types of general commercial litigation and business law. Acknowledged expert in entertainment and media law and is recognised as a leading silk in this field in Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession. Specialises in intellectual property work (copyright, design right, passing off and trade marks, database right and confidentiality information) in the entertainment industry and other commercial and employment areas.

Particular experience of commercial contract disputes, construction of contracts and statutes, film/video/music/broadcasting rights disputes, broadcasting regulation, entertainment industry intellectual property, artist disputes, film financing disputes, civil fraud, duties of disclosure of banks to guarantors, bank ATM litigation, European commercial agency, sale of goods, conflict of laws and enforcement of judgments and unincorporated associations.

Professional Negligence: including valuers' and surveyors' negligence (mainly for major banks and building societies), solicitors' negligence arising out of commercial cases, clinical negligence (for claimants and defendant authorities), group litigation (HIV/haemophilia) and accountants' negligence.

Defamation: including advising and representing political figures, both as claimants and defendants. Particular expertise in representing ministers, MPs, councillors and political candidates and officials, acting for the Director-General of the Conservative Central Office, libels published during election campaigns, false statements as to candidates during elections, defence of solicitors in professional negligence claims arising out of alleged libel action against television broadcasters and advising doctors at a leading teaching hospital in relation to internet libels and remedies under the Protection from Harassment Act.

Election and Public Law: is Standing Counsel to the Conservative Party on election law. Has advised returning officers and their staff on election law problems, the Corporation of London on election law and advised as to the reform of the City franchise. Involved in various judicial review cases involving returning officers, and the Court of Aldermen of the City of London. Particular experience of election petitions, construction of election law statutes and regulations, conduct of elections, regulation of election expenses, conduct of election campaigns and regulation of party funding.

Recent Cases of Importance

- *Chan V Seek v Alvis Vehicles Ltd* [2003] TLR 293 (Commercial, commission claim, practice, strike-out, tests to be applied)
- *Intelsec Systems Ltd & Ors v Grech-Cini & Ors* [1999] 4 All ER 11 (Intellectual property, interim remedies, copyright, confidential information, passing off)
- *Microsoft Corporation v Backslash Distribution Ltd & Ors* (19/11/98 and 11/2/99) (Ch D) [1999] TLR 186 (Intellectual property, computer software, committal for contempt, costs)
- *Lambert v HTV Cymru (Wales) Ltd* [1998] FSR 874 (Commercial, entertainment, construction of film rights contract)
- *R v Mayor & Commonality & Citizens of the City of London, ex parte Matson* [1996] 8 Admin LR 49 (Judicial review, election law)
- *Absalom v Gillett* [1995] 1 WLR 128 (Election law)
- *Bookmakers' Afternoon Greyhound Services v Wilf Gilbert (Staffs) Ltd* [1994] FSR 723 (Commercial contract/intellectual property, contract construction, agency, copyright, trusts of contractual promises, restitution)
- *McConville v Barclays Bank & Ors* (ATM litigation) [1993] 2 Bank LR 211 (Commercial, banker/customer contracts, ATM machines, phantom withdrawals)
- *City Index Ltd v Leslie* [1992] QB 98 (CA) (Commercial, financial services, index betting)
- *Parker v Yeo* [1992] 90 LGR 645 (CA) (Local government, election law, construction of statute)
- *BBC v British Satellite Broadcasting Ltd* [1991] Ch 141 (Commercial, entertainment and media, copyright, 'fair dealing' in broadcasts for reporting current events, construction of statute)
- *HIV Haemophilia Litigation* [1989-90] (Instructed on behalf of the Government Blood Products Laboratory (Ognall J) (Clinical negligence)
- *Western Front Ltd v Vestron Inc* [1987] FSR 66 (Commercial, entertainment)

Additional Information

Member of Specialist Associations: London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association, Professional Negligence Bar Association, Association of Northern Mediators, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, LCIA, COMBAR, South Eastern Circuit.

Publications: Editor of Parker's Law and Conduct of Elections. Contributor to Civil Appeals (Sir Michael Burton ed.) on election law