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Summary

Oliver was called to the Bar in 2011 by the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, of which he is a Hubert Greenland Scholar. He is a civil practitioner with particular expertise in private & social housing and in representing local authorities in actions for injunctions, committal and closure orders under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014.

Oliver is also experienced in commercial disputes, credit hire, equine disputes and Animals Act litigation.

He has a clear, concise and robust style of advocacy. Oliver's professional clients appreciate his excellent client care and collaborative, approachable style of working. He is frequently instructed by local authorities, housing associations and insurers. Oliver is a popular choice with lay clients, who appreciate his personable and pragmatic approach.

He was appointed as a Deputy District Judge on the Midland Circuit in September 2021 and is an Honorary Associate Professor at the University of Leicester, where he formally lectured Public and Contract Law.

Oliver is KCH Garden Square's Head of Pupillage (Civil & Family), working alongside Leanne Summers, the Head of Pupillage (Crime). He is also the Head of KCH Garden Square's Academic Panel.

Background / Qualifications

Oliver read law at the University of Leicester and completed the Bar Professional Training Course at Nottingham Law School. He was called to the Bar in 2011 and is a Hubert Greenland Scholar of Lincoln's Inn.

On graduating from the BPTC, Oliver began teaching undergraduate Contract and Public Law at the University of Leicester where he was a popular and effective lecturer. Oliver taught until August 2022, but still mentors students, and assists with the University's mooting and debating programmes.

In recognition of his professional achievements and contribution to Leicester Law School in terms of teaching, employability and ED&I initiatives, Leicester appointed Oliver as an Honorary Associate Professor in September 2022.

Prior to joining chambers, Oliver acted as a County Court Advocate with the country's market leading provider of Solicitor's Agents. As an advocate, Oliver gained significant experience of County Court business heard by District Judges.

Oliver is committed to improving access to, and equality & diversity at, the Bar. He is involved in a number of initiatives, including:

- Sitting on the Midland Circuit Social Mobility Committee.
- Regularly speaking on the Sutton Trust: Pathways to Law programme.
- Established the Jeffers – Nunn Award at Leicester Law School.
- Mentoring through Lincoln's Inn.
- Mentoring on the Future Bar Programme at DeMontfort Law School.

As an undergraduate student at Leicester, Oliver held a number of student society positions, including Vice President of the United Nations Society and Competitions Secretary of the Student Law Society. Oliver also won a number of mooting and debating competitions including:



- The University of Leicester/Herbert Smith Debating Competition,
- The Leicester University Debating Alliance Championship,
- The University of Leicester/Denton Wilde Sapte Senior Mooting Competition,
- The University of Leicester/Peter Kavanagh Outstanding Mooter of the Year Award,
- The Midlands Mooting Competition,
- The Leicester University United Nations Society Advocacy Competition.

Away from chambers, Oliver enjoys cooking, jazz and follows Formula 1 and the Leicester Tigers

References & Recommendations

Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2023 – Social Housing Ranked Band 2

“Oliver is a strong junior in housing and across civil litigation. He is very knowledgeable in these areas, in particular social housing and commercial matters.”

“I find Oliver Nunn’s attention to detail and thinking outside the box a breath of fresh air. He has great reasoning that he puts in a plain, simple language to help clients better understand the complexities of the law.”

Legal 500 2023 – Social Housing Ranked: Tier 1

“Oliver is very thorough in his work and pays close attention to detail. He gives sound and considered advice and has excellent drafting skills.”

Mike Curran, Associate Partner at Horwich Farrelly

“Oliver Nunn – an excellent barrister who listens intently to instructions and carries them out as requested, whilst adding value with his own innovative ideas on defeating a claim. Even on cases where prospects are lower than preferred, Oliver is someone who is always happy to roll up his sleeves and get stuck in. He never shies away from a challenge. He is also more than happy to take ad hoc telephone calls for advice when needed. I hope to work with Oliver for many years to come.”

Josh Gregory, Associate Solicitor at Knights

“Tom Russell and Oliver Nunn are who I work with regularly at KCH and they are both incredibly technically and commercially astute in equal measure.”

Legal 500 2022 – Social Housing Ranked: Tier 1

‘Oliver is approachable, knowledgeable, and thorough.’

Chambers & Partners 2024

Social Housing – Band 2

“Oliver Nunn is the perfect mix of being personable with technical and legal strength. He is supportive, practical and hard-working. He is a strong advocate.”

Legal 500 2024

Social Housing Ranked: Tier 1

“Oliver has excellent attention to detail and can be relied upon to give clear, concise and sound advice. He is a competent advocate who strives to achieve the best possible outcome.”





Professional Experience

HOUSING & LOCAL AUTHORITY:

Oliver is an experienced practitioner in both private and social housing possession claims, for which he predominantly receives instructions on behalf of Claimants to provide advice, representation and settle pleadings.

He has a particular academic interest in public law, which he lectured at the University of Leicester, and is regularly instructed in cases involving public law and Equality Act 2010 defences. Oliver is accustomed to dealing with cases involving the finer technical points of housing law.

Oliver has significant experience in proceedings on behalf of local authorities, housing associations and the police in relation to anti-social behaviour and is routinely instructed to seek injunctions, committals and other orders pursuant to the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Instructions are frequently received for Oliver to advise and settle pleadings on the use of injunctions to regulate conduct, not just in relation to individuals and properties, but also wider areas such as town centres.

The Police have also instructed Oliver to seek Domestic Violence Protection Orders pursuant to the Crime and Security Act 2010 and injunctions under the 2014 Act.

Oliver is also experienced in claims for unlawful eviction, navigating the complex case law and statutory framework associated with those high value claims.

COMMERCIAL & ANIMAL LITIGATION:

Oliver is regularly instructed to settle pleadings, advise and represent clients in contentious commercial disputes arising from both business to business and consumer contracts.

He has considerable experience in dealing with a range of commercial disputes; including claims founded upon contracts for the sale of goods and/or services, building disputes, sale and installation of defective machinery, negligent references and the purchase of vehicles which are said to have been stolen.

Oliver has a particular academic interest in contract law, which he lectured at the University of Leicester. He offers clear, concise and comprehensive advice, sympathetic to the wider commercial interest of the client.

Oliver also has experience in contractual claims with significant personal importance, including major events such as weddings or holidays where enhanced damages may be sought for distress or loss of enjoyment.

Oliver is a member of the Equine Law group at KCH Garden Square and receives instructions to advise, represent and settle pleadings on a wide range of equine and animal disputes. He also has experience of claims founded upon the Animals Act 1971.



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Where there are deficiencies or defects present in relation to the purchase of animals, goods or services, Oliver provides advice, representation and settles pleadings in claims for refunds, rescission, other losses and misrepresentation.

For professionals and suppliers, Oliver accepts instructions in relation to recovery and enforcement of debts and other commercial or contractual disputes.

INSURER LITIGATION:

Oliver receives instructions on behalf of insurers, typically involving road traffic accidents and credit hire. His thorough preparation and robust style of cross examination lends itself to trials on liability.

In credit hire disputes, Oliver has developed a strong defendant practice in mid to high value claims and is regularly instructed in trials where enforceability, rate and period are in issue, often achieving favourable outcomes, including wholesale dismissal of claims.

He is a popular choice with solicitors in credit hire litigation for his sound knowledge of authority, pragmatic approach and trial advocacy.

Awards

Leicestershire Law Society Barrister of the Year 2023

Shortlisted for Nottinghamshire Law Society Equality & Diversity Champion 2023

