

BIOGRAPHY

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Rob is a Partner in the Property Litigation Team. Rob regularly acts on high-value real estate disputes, especially dilapidations, partnership disputes and injunction claims.

Rob leads the Property Litigation Team in our Taunton, Bristol and London offices. Rob is known for his skilful handling of the disputes he is involved in and has a proven track record acting for public sector clients, retailers and private clients.

Rob is recognised as a leading figure in the South West real estate litigation market by both the Legal 500 and the Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession. Rob is described as being "very proactive and pragmatic. He is able to give proper advice as to the strengths and weaknesses of the case." Another client source simply says "I can't fault him."

Relevant experience

- **The Range:** Advising the client in relation to an multi-million pound dispute with the Landlord of large warehouse premises in the North West. Working with Edwin Johnson QC we secured a significant judgement for The Range. The dispute was hotly contested, including jurisdictional issues, and involved a three day trial in London with various interlocutory hearings leading up to trial.
- **Private individual:** Advising the client in relation to a wide ranging dispute with a commercial tenant. The matter involved a successful trial before the First Tier Tribunal and also an application before the County Court for forfeiture of the Tenant's Lease.
- **Property developer:** Advising the client in relation to the clearance of a significant number of squatters from valuable development land in Gloucester. This involved the combination of proceedings in the First Tier Tribunal and possession proceedings in the County Court. A successful outcome was achieved and injunctions were also obtained against the squatters. The squatters were finally evicted with the assistance of riot police.
- **Government department:** Advising the client in relation to a multi-million pound claim brought against it by a property developer alleging breach of contract. The claim was vigorously defended and then settled on highly favourable terms to the client.
- **Private individual:** Advising the client in relation to trespass on his land by a well-known and wealthy neighbour. An interim

injunction was obtained within 7 days of the initial instruction and the matter was completed resolved within 14 days, with the neighbour paying costs and entering into final injunctions.

- Corporate landlord: Acting for a Corporate Landlord in relation to a claim for unpaid service charge and costs of £100,000. Dealing with the arbitration and also progressing an application for security for costs against the Tenant.
- Property developer: Acting for the client in relation to two expert determinations against a well-known national residential property developer. The claims dealt with by the expert come to in excess of £2.5 million.
- Well-known Exeter based Solicitor: Acting for the client in relation to a property dispute regarding premises held in a SIPP with former Partners. Working with Edwin Johnson QC this matter proceeded to a ten day trial in Bristol. A successful outcome was secured with injunctive relief being ordered in our client's favour together with costs.
- Property owner: Acting for the client in relation to a significant contested lease renewal against a government body. Issues as to rent and break provisions proved to be highly contentious but the matter was resolved on very favourable terms to our client.
- Major SIPP provider: Acting for the client in relation to contentious issues created by two SIPP holders wishing to leave the SIPP but where both have different views on how that should happen and on what terms. The SIPP property was in London and was valued at over £3 million. After much discussion and correspondence a sale was successfully completed.