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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Edward is a senior associate in BCLP's market-leading real estate disputes team, with a depth of experience in all areas of contentious property matters.

Edward regularly advises developers on risk mitigation strategies arising from complicated and profile developments across the UK, with a focus on rights of light. Edward's routinely handles rights of light litigation and implements rights of light mitigation strategies that encompass insurance policies and the use of s.203 appropriation powers. Alongside BCLP's transactional lawyers, Edward provides strategic advice in the context of transactions, such as property disposals, forward fundings and development financing.

From the County Court to the Supreme Court, Edward has acted for clients in diverse matters including disputes related to insolvency, forfeiture, and business rates. Edward's practice also

encompasses disputes arising from sale and purchase agreements, neighbourly matters and trespass. Edward regularly advises clients on asset management matters, including vacant possession strategies, the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 and dilapidations.

Edward also has extensive experience in acting for utility providers, providing strategic assistance on nationally significant infrastructure projects. In particular, Edward has advised on obtaining access to land in order to carry out surveys necessary for these transformative projects to proceed.

Recognized by *Legal 500 UK* as a Leading Associate in its 2025 edition, clients turn to Ed due to his *“strong and rounded knowledge and is capable of handling complex matters across the property legal spectrum whilst also dealing with the mundane in a consistently positive manner.”*

## **ADMISSIONS**

- England and Wales

## **RELATED CAPABILITIES**

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- Hotels & Hospitality
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- Retail & Consumer Products
- Energy Transition
- Build to Rent/Multifamily

## **EXPERIENCE**

- Advised high-profile landlord of a town-centre site in relation to its major regeneration plans, including vacant possession and right of light mitigation strategies.
- Advised developers in relation to rights of light mitigation strategies of city-centre development and regeneration projects, including successfully settling rights of light claims for injunctions outside of court.
- Advised National Grid on its strategy and powers in relation to access land in order to undertake surveys for a number of its nationally significant infrastructure projects.

- Acting for the successful landlord in relation to High Court forfeiture and insolvency proceedings against a high-profile tenant.
- Acted for the successful landlords in the Court of Appeal case of *Tindall v Adda* [2015] 1 P&CR 5, the leading case on intra-group lease assignments.
- Assisted in acting for the British Property Federation and the Rating Surveyors Association in their Supreme Court intervention in *Newbiggin (Valuation Officer) v S.J. & J Monk*, the leading case on business rates liability for buildings undergoing reconstruction.

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