

Nigel Tait

Partner

Highlights

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- Described by Commercial Lawyer as "efficient, proficient and one of the most experienced in the business".
- In the last three years Nigel has recovered well over GBP20m for clients in commercial litigation involving claims for negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of trust and breach of contract.
- Clients include Sir Elton John, Simon Cowell, Tesco, Frank Warren, Frank Bruno, numerous lawyers, corporations and individuals from all walks of life.

Nigel graduated from Nottingham University with BA (Hons) in law and joined Carter-Ruck as a trainee in 1986. He qualified in October 1988 and was appointed a Partner in 1990.

Nigel's principal areas of expertise are two-fold.

(1) Media litigation and reputation management

Nigel has been described in recent entries of the Chambers and Partners guide to the legal profession as a "*master litigator*", a "*fearless litigator and brilliant tactician*" who "*adds an enormous value to the libel field with his superb judgement and genuine charm*" (Chambers and Partners 2009), "*an amazing solicitor*", "*pre-eminent in his field of expertise*", "*always tough when fighting for us*", "*tenacious and astute*" and "*always has his finger on the pulse*" (Chambers and Partners 2008).

Nigel has obtained numerous apologies for clients (including on the front page), settlements involving damages in six figures, and many substantial awards at trial (including the highest ever award to a company).

Nigel is the Publications Officer of the International Bar Association Media Law Committee and has worked on four Law Society Committees looking into reforms to libel practice, privacy law and civil procedure.

(2) Commercial litigation

Nigel has acted in numerous actions for breach of contract, professional negligence, breach of trust and breach of fiduciary duty winning well over £20m for clients in such cases over the last two years alone.

A number of such cases have been conducted on a conditional fee ("no win, no fee") basis supplemented with After The Event Insurance to cover disbursements and the possibility of an adverse costs order.

Nigel has also obtained injunctions against former employees acting in breach of restrictive covenants or who have used confidential information taken from former employers in setting up their own businesses.

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