

## Mark Harper QC

Year of call: 1993

Year of silk: 2016

Mark is astute and commercial, as well as being dependable and widely admired.

Very calm, level-headed, approachable and methodical. Hes forceful without being aggressive.

He has excellent commercial awareness and, having seen him in court, he is an exceptional advocate. He is very organised, clear and a very nice chap.

An impressive advocate who is highly approachable, very practical and structured in his thinking and gives sensible commercial advice with no waffle.

Hes very thorough, personable and incisive. An excellent advocate who focuses on the key issues.

### Chambers UK 2018

He has a great bedside manner with clients.

### Legal 500 2018

'A team player throughout the litigation process.'

### Legal 500 2017

The speed at which he can turn things round is incredible. He is a great advocate who is quick at thinking on his feet, and his way with the judiciary is great.

He is fantastic.

His reputation is excellent and he gives a first-rate service to clients.

He is very pragmatic, very user-friendly and very good on his feet.

Hes always a very safe pair of hands excellent and good with clients, he is short and succinct in his advice, which goes down well. Hes a class above most and very good on his feet before a judge.

An excellent trial advocate who excels at tough cross-examination. Hes always a very safe pair of hands. Hes excellent, good with clients, and short and succinct in his advice which goes down well.

### Chambers UK 2017

Technically excellent.

A safe pair of hands and very commercial.

Recent work: Represented Travel Counsellors against Barclays Bank in claims alleging the mis-selling of an interest swap product and the improper deduction of fees from accounts.

An extremely capable lawyer and a very hard worker. He leaves no stone unturned in seeking out the detail of a matter and is confident in his own abilities. He has the hallmark of quality.

Forthright, exceptionally commercial and gets straight to the nub of the issue exactly what the clients want.

Chambers UK 2016

He's pragmatic and very user-friendly, and his advocacy is also excellent.

When you see that you're against him your heart sinks.

He's an astute tactician. He doesn't sugar the pill, and clients certainly appreciate that.

He is quietly and efficiently effective.

He is very quick at spotting the issues and distilling them down into simple advice and action.

Chambers UK 2015

He always gives a consistent performance in court. He is softly spoken, measured and always gets on with judges that's how he wins cases.

He provides a superb all-round service, combining strong technical skills with a personable approach. He is regarded as one of the best in his field in commercial litigation.

He is very bright and effective I would not hesitate to instruct him.

Chambers UK 2014

A must-go-to junior counsel

Legal 500 2014

Mark Harper is a barrister with a strong commercial chancery practice. He focuses largely on unfair prejudice petitions. According to one interviewee: You can drop him into any situation and he will rise to the challenge.

Mark Harper receives praise for his strong advocacy skills. He is especially adept at cross-examination as he is able to identify and exploit weaknesses in his opponents to great effect. He has notable expertise in matters such as shareholder and commercial disputes, professional negligence cases and restraint of trade matters

Mark Harper who is sought out by instructing solicitors for his experience in the asset finance sector. He is recommended

Chambers UK 2013

## About

Mark is a member of the Chancery and Commercial team in Chambers and has developed what is recognised as one of the leading litigation practices in these areas having in recent years been involved in some of the largest and most high profile cases to be heard in the Chancery and Mercantile Courts outside London including his representation (with Paul Chaisty QC) of Wayne Rooney in his successful restraint of trade challenge to this Image Rights Representation Agreement (see below) and his representation (in 2014) of Sir Bradley Wiggins in defending the claims brought by his former management company following his termination of their retainer. His areas of specialism are Banking & Finance, Civil Fraud, Commercial Litigation, Company, Insolvency, Partnership, Professional Negligence and Sport. As is evidenced by his Recommendations he is widely regarded (both by his peers and the solicitors profession) as one of the leading and most sought after juniors in his areas of practice. He has been described as the complete all-rounder being equally adept at all aspects of the role of the advocate coupled with tactical and strategic acumen and an affable and approachable personality that commends him to his peers, solicitors and clients alike. PARTNERSHIP Mark has developed a leading junior practice in the area of partnership law (as recognised by his recommendation in this field in Chambers & Partners). His practice in this area involves advice and representation in relation to all aspects of partnership law (including the applicability of Equality Legislation in the context of partnership disputes) and he is a regular port of call for professional partnerships in the North West (or individual partners within such partnerships) when advice is needed in connection with partnership matters, in particular exclusion of partners, breakdown in relationships between partners and the protection of partnership assets consequential upon the same. OFFICE HOURS Mon Fri 08.30 18.00

Chancery Bar Association  
Northern Chancery Bar Association  
Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association

Can I have my deposit back please (insolvency position where consumer deposits are used to fund insolvent companies) [2014] 6 CRI 225

Fiduciary Duties owed to the excluded shareholder (with Lesley Anderson QC) Law & Financial Market Review January 2013

Downing College, Cambridge Law MA Hons (1989 1992)  
Hardwicke Scholar (Lincolns Inn)