
IAN MAYES QC

Silk: 1993 | Call: 1974



Overview

“The others just kept telling us why we couldn’t do what we wanted. Ian sat down with us, listened to us and told us how we could.”

Over more than thirty years he has appeared in every type of tribunal in the UK and many abroad. He cut his teeth as an advocate in the secondary banking crisis of the seventies and acted for the Department of Trade in its inspection of London Capital Group Ltd, the bank run by disappearing MP, John Stonehouse.

For ten years before he took silk, in 1993, he was Standing Counsel to the Inland Revenue but worked on both sides of the street, representing many high profile individuals and corporations, including Octav Botnar and Nissan UK, against the Revenue.

He is a Bencher of Middle Temple and the Treasurer of the Temple Church.

Commercial Arbitration

Ian continues to be in demand for his innovative solutions to fiscal problems but now spends much of his time in commercial arbitrations around the world.

His ready grasp of accountancy issues and wide experience of dealing with businesses in crisis makes him first choice for many of those engaged in business sales or the contract disputes which follow.

He is equally at home in insurance matters and has for twelve years chaired the Enforcement Panel (formerly the Disciplinary Tribunal) at Lloyd’s of London.

Professional Experience

Ian drafted the franchising agreements used by a number of multi-nationals, including Jollibee and Benetton, and in recent years has masterminded the preservation and protection (by both litigation and secondary legislation) of BT’s costs recovery operations.