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Practice Summary

Areas of practice
All aspects of commercial and residential property law, especially landlord and tenant, agricultural property law, housing law and all types of property and construction disputes, including arbitration.

Education

University College, Oxford MA, BCL (1962) (Oxon.)

Professional

- Recorder since 1985, Deputy High Court Judge, Deputy Official Referee
- Chairman or Member of various advisory Committees at DETR (and its predecessors) since 1976, including Property Advisory Group and Standing Committee on Trunk Road Assessment, and Chair of expert committee on rating of plant and machinery
- Hon.Assoc. RICS, FAAV, FCIArb
- Past Chairman of Anglo-American Real Property Institute
- Vice-President of Agricultural Law Association
- Member Chancery Bar Association and COMBAR
- Principal of St. Hugh's College, Oxford 1991- 2002
- Bencher of the Middle Temple.

Publications

- Milk Quotas: Law and Practice
- The Handbook of Milk Quota Compensation
- Contributor to Halsburys Laws of England (4th edition) (Leasehold Enfranchisement)
- Consulting Editor and contributor to "Handbook of Arbitration Practice", 3rd edition published 1998, Sweet & Maxwell and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
- Contributor to "Handbook of Arbitration Practice", 4th edition 2003.

Recent cases

- Dennis v Ministry of Defence [2003] 2 EGLR 121.
- Holding & Barnes plc v Hill House Hammond (No.1) [2002] L&TR 7 (C.A.)
- Liverpool City Council v Walton Group plc [2002] 1 EGLR 149 (ChD)
- Barrett v Morgan [2000] 1 EGLR 8 (H.L.) (notice to quit)
- Craven (Builders) Ltd v SOS for Heath [2000] 1 EGLR 128 (Ch.D.) (dilapidations)
- Floyer-Acland v Osmond [2000] 2 EGLR 1 (C.A.) (agricultural holdings)
- Moss Bros v Capital Shopping Centres [1999] EGCS 47 (ChD)
- Northampton BC v Lovatt [1998] 1 EGLR 15 (C.A.) (secure tenancy)
- Chartered Trust Plc v Davies [1997] 2 EGLR 83 (C.A.) (derogation from grant)
- National Trust v Knipe [1997] 2 EGLR 9 (C.A.) (agricultural holdings)
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- National Trust v Knipe [1997] 2 EGLR 9 (C.A.) (agricultural holdings)

Related news

- Required wording not a strict condition of exercise of break option.
- Safin v Badrig [2015] EWCA Civ 739

Related practice areas

- Agriculture and Rural
- Development
- Natural resources and Environment
- Residential property
- Infrastructure
- Commercial property

Published Comments

"An extraordinary man with an in depth knowledge of the law of agricultural holdings." *Legal 500 2014*

"Derek Wood QC is spoken of in hallowed terms as a veritable 'godfather' in this area due to his 'superb and wide-ranging knowledge of property issues'. He remains silk of choice for many of the leading solicitors in the sector." *Chambers UK Guide 2012 (Agriculture and Rural Affairs)*