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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, FCI Arb.
 - 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)
- 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)

- [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)*.

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Listed as a Leading Silk. *Legal 500 (2011)*

"Derek Wood is a 'tremendous advocate', who is praised for his vast experience in all aspects of property law, including landlord and tenant disputes. He is well versed in the law of the sector". *Chambers UK Guide 2011 (Agriculture and Rural Affairs)*.

Listed as a Leading Silk. *Legal 500 (2010)*

"Derek Wood QC is highly regarded, and is well known for his expertise in commercial and residential property law. Demonstrating his particular strength in landlord and tenant disputes, he was recently involved in the well-reported Majorstake Ltd v Curtis case, which was taken to

the House of Lords." *Chambers and Partners 2010 (Agriculture and Rural Affairs)*.

Listed as a Leading Silk. *Legal 500 (2009)*

The set's esteemed tenants include the first class, fluent advocate and property litigation specialist Derek Wood QC." *Chambers and Partners 2009 (Agriculture and Rural Affairs)*.

Listed as a Leading Silk. *Legal 500 (2008)*

"Derek Wood QC is a property litigator whose name 'wields authority' among the judiciary. He can call upon a wealth of experience built over many years." *Chambers and Partners 2009 (Agriculture and Rural Affairs)*.

"Falcon Chambers has a well-established reputation, fielding such luminaries as Derek Wood QC, who has a wide breadth of knowledge". *Legal 500 (2007)*.

"In the premier league of advocates', Derek Wood QC remains popular and is 'worth waiting for every time'. The set's most senior barrister, Wood is gifted at presenting a complex problem simply. He is visible in the sector through his work as vice-president of the Agricultural Law Association." *Chambers and Partners 2007 (Agriculture and Rural Affairs)*.

"High levels of client service are married to consistent quality, from the very junior level to senior silks such as Derek Wood QC." *Legal 500 (2006)*

"Derek Wood QC is universally acknowledged as the 'leading light in agriculture'. Commentators regarded him as the finished product. He is 'a stylish and skilled advocate who can make a hopeless case sound good' and has the 'ability to explain everything with complete clarity, even if it is fiendishly complicated'". *Chambers and Partners 2006 (Agriculture and Rural Affairs)*.

"Vice President of the Agricultural Land Association Derek Wood QC also receives positive feedback from solicitors". *Legal 500 (2005)*

"Sources endorse Derek Wood QC as 'an immensely senior advisor' and agree that he has made his return to practice without missing a beat. 'Absolutely first class,' he is noted for his landlord and tenant knowledge and his authoritative courtroom presence." *Chambers and Partners 2006 (Agriculture and Rural Affairs)*.

"Vice president of the Agricultural Law Association, Derek Wood CBE QC is lauded for his 'elegant and short opinions'. *Legal 500 (2004)*

"Derek Wood is vice-president of the Agricultural Law Association and is a renowned expert in agricultural property law, especially landlord and tenant". *Legal 500 (2003)*.

"After completing his term of office as principal at St Hughs' College, Oxford, doyen of the landlord and tenant Bar, Derek Wood is back in full-time practice. Wood's 'smooth presentation' is said to make him a 'formidable opponent' on tenancy disputes". *Chambers and Partners Guide 2003-2004*.

"Derek Wood is also widely recommended for the range of agricultural issues". *Legal 500 (2002)*.

"Top silk Derek Wood combines presentation skills with a genuine interest in agricultural affairs". *Chambers and Partners Guide 2002/2003*.

"Outstanding Silks at Falcon Chambers are the vastly experienced Derek Wood, vice-president of the Agricultural Law Association" *Legal 5000 (2001)*

".....'genius' Derek Wood can be called upon for the most complex of issues". *Chambers and Partners Guide 2001/2002*

"First Class Derek Wood still the doyen of agricultural barristers remains active despite his commitments at Oxford". *Chambers and Partners Guide 2000/2001*

Recommended silks at the set include the very experienced Derek Wood who is a fellow of the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers *Legal 500 (2000)*