

# Tanfield Chambers

## Robin Howard

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## Areas of Practice

Employment  
Personal Injury  
Public Access

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## Career

1986 Called to the Bar

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## Profile

A broad business and general civil law practice, and in particular Insolvency, personal and corporate, real property (boundaries, easements, securities) professional negligence (legal, medical) employment, insurance and personal injury.

Also acts in public law matters, particularly environmental and regulatory, both for and against local and central government authorities and agencies.

Willing to accept instructions under Conditional Fee Arrangements. Authorised to accept instructions under Public Access (BarDirect).

## Experience

- Recently acted in the Thakrar litigation, a five-year-long litigation involving fraud, insolvency, and a multi-million pound property company
- Advised in connection with anti-competitive practices in the pharmaceutical industry
- Defended in company fraud centred on horseracing. Appeared for several Claimants in sex discrimination claims reported in the non-specialist press (red tops)
- Acted for tetraplegic Claimant defrauded of more than £1 million by his own solicitor

## Significant cases

### **Jackson v Thakrar [2007] EWHC 626**

Test for costs order against non-party funder

### **Assured Quality Construction v Thompson [2006] The Times 21 April**

Elements of slander of title

### **MacKinnon v Human Resources Group [2004] UKEAT**

Discrimination, employment

### **R v Epping Forest DC ex p. Philcox [2002] Env LR 2**

Planning, certificate of established use where use an offence

### **Krasner v Dennison, Lawrence v Lesser [2001] Ch. 76 CA (and successfully petitioned HL for leave)**

Pensions and bankruptcy

### **Blackstone Franks v Robertson [1998] IRLR 376**

Wages

## Qualifications

MA (Oxon)  
Dip Law (London)