



## George Newsom

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### **Practice: Property**

George is a property and trusts lawyer, a chartered arbitrator and accredited mediator. He is a nationally recognised expert on restrictive covenants affecting land, buildings and development and is the editor of *Preston and Newsom's Restrictive Covenants*.

George's expertise in land law includes:

- Titles
- Ways
- Drains
- Boundaries
- Tenancies
- Co-ownership
- Charges
- Options
- Farms
- Partnerships
- Estates
- Wills
- Inheritance
- Trusts
- Planning
- Churches
- Charities.

He also has extensive experience in disputes involving land valuations and surveys and partnership and estate accounts.

In addition, as a former consultant engineer he is sought after for his useful insights in engineering, computing and technology disputes.

Recent cases include *Shephard v Turner* [2006] 2 EGLR 73 where George was successful at first instance and in the Court of Appeal. The case substantially clarified the criteria for the modification of restrictive covenants by the Lands Tribunal and is of considerable importance to developers and objectors alike.

### **Reported cases:**

*Shephard v Turner* [2006] EWCA Civ 8



## **Education:**

Consulting Engineer before joining the Bar  
Merton College Oxford (Engineering & Economics)  
Marlborough College

## **Pupillage:**

Paul Clarke (Guildhall Chambers)  
Jonathan Henty (24 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn)  
David Barnes (Paper Buildings, Temple)  
Bill Huntley (Guildhall Chambers)

## **Professional memberships:**

Chairman of the Agricultural Land Tribunal for the South West Area since 1988.  
Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators  
ADR Accredited Mediator  
Chancery Bar Association  
Bristol & Cardiff Chancery Bar Association

## **Publications:**

*Preston and Newsom's Restrictive Covenants affecting Freehold Land*: Sweet and Maxwell.  
*Newsom's Faculty Jurisdiction of the Church of England*

## **Directory recommendations:**

### **Chambers UK 2011**

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

George Newsom has a broad property law practice that takes in restrictive covenants, fishing and shooting rights, and boundary and possession disputes.

Chancery

He is held in great esteem as is George Newsom, who is "*right on the ball technically*" and is capable of offering sound advice across a number of practice areas. Land disputes, inheritance issues and cases in relation to restrictive covenants all form part of his staple diet.

### **Chambers UK 2010**

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

George Newsom has impressed. "*He gave very sensible and comprehensive advice. I found him incredibly helpful,*" one peer mentions. His practice is property and trusts-based, and he is an expert on restrictive covenants affecting land, buildings and development. He has recently been advising on farming family disputes, fishing and shooting rights, and on access for gravel mining rights and to woodlands.

Chancery

George Newsome is principally recognised for his property and trusts expertise.

### **Chambers UK 2009**

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

At the same chambers and new to the agricultural tables this year, George Newsom is carving out a robust reputation for his outstanding mediation skills and his work concerning agricultural holdings.

Chancery

George Newsom is a "*seasoned property and trusts practitioner*" who is particularly well known as a restrictive covenants expert.

## **DPA:**

Yes

## **Clerk:**

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