



William Batstone

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Education:

City University (Diploma in Law)

York University (BA Hons in Philosophy)

Marlborough College

Practice:

Property

William advises and represents landlords and tenants in all forms of dispute related to the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 including: succession; rent reviews; repairs; notices to quit; compensation; and issues about security of tenure. He is also able to advise clients in connection with the resolution of disputes arising under the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995. He also advises Arbitrators appointed under the 1986 Act or the Arbitration Act 1996 to resolve disputes under the 1986 or 1995 Acts. In addition he offers advice and representation in connection with the resolution of disputes generally related to the use of farmland. He is also able to advise and appear for clients involved in non-agricultural landlord and tenant disputes.

Reported cases:

Hoddinott v Persimmon Homes (Wessex) Limited [2008] 1 WLR 806 – Procedural questions over claim for compensation for damage to farm land.

Alford v DEFRA [2005] EWHC 808 (Admin)

Daniel v Drew [2005] WTLR 807

Jewell v McGowan [2002] 3 EGLR 87 CA

Grammer v Lane [2000] 2 All ER 245 CA

Professional memberships:

Chancery Bar Association

Property Litigation Association

Agricultural Law Association.

Seminars:

William lectures on agricultural and rural topics to chartered surveyors and solicitors.

Directory recommendations:

Chambers UK 2011

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

William Batstone of Guildhall Chambers is extremely highly regarded in the region. As an ex-Burges Salmon solicitor, he remains a popular choice for instructing solicitors, who appreciate his experience and depth of knowledge. He is best known for his advice to landowners and farmers in the resolution of



agricultural and rural property disputes, and he continues to handle a busy case load in this area. Sources commend his "*straightforward and down-to-earth approach.*"

Chambers UK 2010

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

Ex-Burges Salmon solicitor William Batstone is a leading junior in the region. Widely recognised and very much acclaimed by his peers, he comes with strong recommendations and commentators say that they "*can't sing his praises enough*". His main practice area is the resolution of agricultural and rural property disputes on behalf of landowners and farmers. "*He is very succinct, delivers and has huge depth of knowledge*", one source comments. He recently acted for a Devon landowner who was successful in securing the revocation of a stop notice served on him by Natural England, in relation to the carrying out of drainage works on 19 hectares of land.

Chambers UK 2009

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

William Batstone undertakes a large proportion of agricultural work involving disputes relating to the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 and the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995. His remarkable courtroom manner has led to a consensus amongst sources that, "*Bristol is very lucky to have him – he is very good*".

Legal 500 2010

Construction, Planning, Licensing & environment

William Batstone has a national reputation for agricultural land disputes.

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CFA

Yes, subject to prior consideration

DPA

Yes, encouraged from members of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and other professional bodies approved by the Bar Council.