

Dominic Crossley

Head of Dispute Resolution

"Dominic makes it look easy...he is a very safe pair of hands. He is very calm. He is resolute, he has courage and determination. He is steadfast; if you are in a crisis, you want Dominic by your side. He is strong throughout and he will not let you down."

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Dominic Crossley is Head of the firm's Dispute Resolution Department and member of the firm's Management Board. He handles a wide range of sensitive and significant disputes on behalf of private individuals and commercial organisations. A leading practitioner in the law of privacy/breach of confidence, defamation and harassment, his work also encompasses numerous other specialist areas of the law and practice applicable to protecting the interest and rights of clients in times of crisis.

Dominic is particularly well-known for representing high profile individuals who are the subject of reputational attack or intrusions into privacy. He has acted for well-known actors, leading business people, prominent politicians, musicians and sports people.

Clients seek Dominic's advice in varied circumstances, including:

- Unwanted national and international media intrusion,
- High profile and contentious family or business disputes,
- Protecting against and investigating malicious reputational attack, including dealing with social media misuse,
- Suspected unlawful breach of privacy and loss of confidential information, including by way of phone hacking or cyber-crime, and
- Stalking, harassment or being threatened.

In addition to his top-flight reputation in media litigation, Dominic's has extensive experience in commercial/civil litigation. He has handled high value disputes on behalf of large household-name corporations, educational and sporting institutions, public sector bodies and entrepreneurs with cases including breach of contract, judicial review, breach of trust, professional negligence, breach of warranty and intellectual property disputes. He has also acted in regulatory disputes, both in sport and other sectors. In addition to his legal advice, his clients benefit from his experience in managing press and all forms of media (including TV and online) interest, on a pre-publication basis.

By its nature, much of Dominic's work is confidential. However, instructions that are in the public domain include the Leveson Inquiry, in which Dominic acted for all of the 53 "Core Participant Victims". Dominic has acted in ground-breaking privacy claims in all appellate courts including the European Court of Human Rights.

Dominic is the author of numerous articles written for the legal press and contributes to media reports on cases and developments in the law of privacy and defamation.

He qualified in 2000 and joined Payne Hicks Beach in 2014.

Rankings, accolades and testimonials

Dominic is recommended in the legal directories and has featured as one of the Lawyer Magazine's "Hot 100" lawyers. He is listed as one of the "Top Ten Reputation Lawyers" in the Spear's 500 2021 and Spear's Reputation Lawyers Index 2021. Citywealth Leaders List 2020 lists Dominic as a Leading Reputation Management Lawyer.

Chambers and Partners comments have included: "Really clever, forensic and nice." "Crossley's main strength is an ability to see the difficulties and traps and advise caution where necessary, combining this with a willingness to act aggressively and fast when his clients require it". He is noted for his "sound judgement", ability to "make clients feel they are in safe hands" and "great legal work and great client handling". "Dominic Crossley has a very relaxed but reassuring way with clients; he is very confident and professional" and in relation to defamation and privacy he is "one of the leading figures in this area". He is praised by his peers as "excellent" and "a model of courtesy". Sources say "he is respected and has been doing this for a long time" and "he knows the law inside out and is very good tactically at getting the best for his client".

The Legal 500 UK comments have included: Dominic Crossley is a "class act" and "media heavyweight" who "fields a strong, professional and committed team". His "expert advice enables clients to navigate the stormy waters of reputation management", he is "very well acquainted with the latest issues" and is consistently praised for "outstanding levels of client care". He is "one of the best in the business".

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