



### Consultant

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### **I am a consultant in the real estate department supporting other lawyers and specialising in stamp duty land tax (SDLT).**

As a commercial property lawyer in the City for over 30 years I dealt with major development and investment projects, especially shopping centres.

For 10 years, I headed a property department in a City firm. In 2003 I joined Cripps as a full-time commercial property consultant, taking an interest in SDLT, which was introduced that year. Since 2013 I have worked part-time, training staff in SDLT and answering their queries.

Since the early 1970s, I have been an advocate for plain language in the law, and I am responsible for many standard legal forms, including the RICS Common Auction Conditions that the majority of property auctioneers use.

For ten years starting in 2010 I was also the practice and precedents editor of an academic journal, the Conveyancer and Property Lawyer.

I have, since the 1980s, regularly lectured on legal topics, now exclusively on SDLT, training lawyers and accountants in the subject.

### Areas of expertise:

- Stamp duty land tax
- Plain language drafting
- Landlord and tenant
- Major developments
- Overage agreements



## Qualifications and memberships

- LLB (Hons) Manchester 1967
- Admitted as a solicitor in April 1970
- Member of the Stamp Taxes Practitioners Group