

Alan Gourgey QC

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Alan Gourgey has an outstanding reputation in commercial litigation with expertise in e-commerce and IT disputes. He is an experienced trial lawyer with particular strengths in rapid assimilation and analysis of complex material, tactical guidance and forceful advocacy. He is recommended in the major legal directories in the areas of commercial litigation, IT and civil fraud.

Technology:

In the last seven years Alan has acted in some of the UK's largest IT and e-commerce disputes for clients such as EDS, CSC Computers and ITNET. The disputes involved complex IT solutions such as the NATS case involving air traffic control systems, major banking IT solutions, major government IT contracts, a case involving a major CRM project and large scale outsourcing contracts. He has also performed a trouble-shooting role for a major IT company.

Alan Gourgey QC has a strong IT practice focusing on contracts and the supply of computer systems. Solicitors say he 'has that rare combination in a silk of easy accessibility coupled with excellence coupled with excellent written material and perceptive advocacy'. (Legal 500 2007)

Technology Cases for Alan include:

Sky Subscribers Services Solutions Ltd v EDS

Alan Gourgey QC is involved in this substantial litigation, in which Sky claim damages of more than £700m against EDS. The case relates to the replacement of Sky's Customer Relationship Management systems and raises many technical issues of project management and systems integration. The trial was from October 2007 to June 2008. Awaiting Judgment.

The Lawyer reported on this case in their "heavyweight litigation" report as being one of the big 10 litigation trials of 2008.

Fujitsu v CSC Computer Sciences

Alan acted for CSC in its defence of a claim by Fujitsu for payment of £20m in relation to contracts for the supply of telecommunication services.

EDS v National Air Traffic Service

Alan acted for EDS in relation to its claim under a contract for the supply of a system intended for use by NATS' air traffic controllers to control the flow of aircraft crossing the North Atlantic. The claim was settled midway through the trial.

ITNET v Cabinet Office

Alan acted for ITNET in its dispute with the Cabinet Office in relation to the commissioning of IT Systems to be used across Government.

What the directories say:

The extremely brainy and accessible Alan Gourgey QC at 11 Stone Buildings is highly sought-after. (Chambers & Partners 2009)

Alan Gourgey QC is 'extremely bright, very good in court and user-friendly'. (Legal 500 2008)

"A "fantastic advocate" who is popular with both judges and peers" (Chambers & Partners 2009).

"Consistently good," Alan Gourgey QC at 11 Stone Buildings "never ceases to amaze" sources with his cast-iron practicality and user-friendliness. He is heavily involved in a multi-million pound dispute between Sky and EDS premised on allegations of deceit and breach of contract. (Chambers & Partners 2008)