

## Adrian Salter

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Adrian specialises in all aspects of contract litigation, commercial disputes, fraud and professional negligence. His forensic strengths are in advocacy, rapid assimilation of facts and immediate identification of the critical issues of a dispute. He has the experience to sense instinctively when to settle and when to fight.

Adrian's fluency in French, Italian and German is often usefully deployed in multi-national and cross-border commercial disputes. He acts extensively for (and against) insurers, particularly in relation to solicitors' negligence, and has arbitrated several apportionments of liability.

For many years he has lectured on developments in the law of contract and a whole range of torts. He is an avid amateur pianist and singer. The closest he has come, at the Bar, to the world of music was when acting for the Fire Brigade after its appliance collided with an opera singer outside Harrods. She tore her vocal cords as she screamed, claimed galactic damages for the loss of her career, and after musicological cross-examination recovered £3,000. The defendant had paid £3,500 into court on day one.

## Professional negligence

He has advised solicitors' professional indemnity insurers in hundreds of cases (and also acts frequently against them), bringing to bear considerable experience in fields such as personal injuries, fatal accident claims, contract law, workmen's compensation, conflict of laws, legal aid and negligence by professionals of different kinds in turn, and also an eagle eye for the kind of detail that is easily overlooked yet often pivotal in lost opportunity cases. He has arbitrated several disputes on apportionment of liability between solicitors. Notable reported cases in this area include [Harrison v Camillin](#) and [Green v Hancocks](#).

## Consumer credit

Adrian has become one of the few barristers to advise and litigate regularly in this highly complex and notorious (mine)field of the law, and he appeared before the Supreme Court in the leading case of [SPPL v. Walker](#).