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Professional History:

Centrefield LLP – Founding Partner - December 2015 to date

Court of Arbitration for Sport – Arbitrator - January 2014 to date

Brabners LLP – Partner – May 2006 to December 2015

James Chapman & Co – Solicitor – September 2001 to April 2006

James Chapman & Co – Trainee Solicitor - September 1999 to September 2001

Centrefield LLP:

Edward is widely recognised as an expert in the field of sports law and has acted exclusively in sport for more than 25 years, with specific expertise in football. He has extensive experience in advising clients in relation to all regulatory disputes and disciplinary matters, together with advising on governance and contractual issues. He has specific expertise in football, and provides advice on matters such as player contracts, transfers and related issues; he is also retained by a number of key clients including national associations, leagues, clubs, player associations, individual players and agents and has an unrivalled knowledge of the football industry.



Edward has considerable experience in dealing with media issues such as defamation, image protection and crisis management. He also advises sports clients in high profile criminal matters, and has extensive experience advising clients in cases before the disciplinary bodies of The FA and UEFA, and cases before the Premier League, the Football League, the FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber and the FIFA Players' Status Chamber.

Edward is highly regarded within the industry, as reflected by his external sporting appointments. He is a member of the Panel of Arbitrators at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland (having also been appointed to the specialist Football Panel).

The Legal 500 highlights Edward as a key contact for football matters and describes him as a solicitor who is "*charming and has great judgment.*" The Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession notes that Edward has "*a fantastic knowledge of all the major areas of sports law.*"

The Court of Arbitration for Sport:

Edward was appointed as an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland in January 2014 and has also been appointed to the specialist Football Panel for those arbitrators with specific expertise in football cases. This has led to a very significant number of appointments as arbitrator on cases before the CAS in relation to international disputes both in football and other sports, sitting in the majority of cases as the President of the Panel or as Sole Arbitrator. Many of his CAS decisions have been published and address key sports law arguments. He has also been selected as a member of the small group of arbitrators for the ad hoc division of the CAS for major football tournaments, including the UEFA European Championship and the FIFA World Cup tournaments.

Education:

University of Birmingham (UK) – LLB (Hons)

Manchester Metropolitan University (UK) – Legal Practice Course



Memberships:

The Law Society of England and Wales

The Court of Arbitration for Sport – Arbitrator

Legal Directories:

"Edward's all-round service is first class" ... "charming and has great judgment."

He is *"a great solicitor who instinctively knows the right answer."*

(Legal 500)

Edward has *"a fantastic knowledge of all the major areas of sports law" ... "His advice is very pragmatic and he understands the football industry."*

"[Centrefield] are the top football lawyers in the UK." ... "I do not know of a situation in sport that they have not advised on and at the highest levels."

(Chambers and Partners)

Personal Details:

Date of Birth: 13th August 1975

Nationality: British

Languages: English (native)



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