



# Joe Payne

Partner

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Joe Payne is a commercial litigator and advisor, who industry publications describe as "an excellent lawyer who fights his cause well." Joe focuses on the business priority behind every legal issue. He helps clients in protecting the value of their investments and assets and in identifying and mitigating their commercial and regulatory risks. He regularly advises and represents clients in cross-jurisdictional transactions and disputes.

## Focused advice and strong commercial understanding

Recognized as a leading litigator in industry publications like *Chambers UK* and *Legal 500*, Joe Payne was described by clients as "impressively commercial," for "command[ing] respect across the market" and for his "focused advice and strong commercial understanding." Joe has also been described as being "a lawyer who never gives in, he is tenacious and impossible to ignore."

Joe represents corporate clients across a range of sectors, including aviation, real estate and financial services. Joe is a solicitor advocate, often appearing in the High Court. He represents clients in all forms of alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration, mediation and expert determination.

## Representative Experience

- Advise aircraft leasing company on English security, enforcement and insolvency issues.
- Advise aircraft manufacturer on English insolvency and enforcement issues arising from sales agreement with airline.
- Represent client in enforcement of covenants relating to valuable parking rights benefitting substantial West End property.
- Represent client in arbitrations concerning rent review provisions in leases.
- Represent client in obtaining in England a judgment against BVI airline company and enforcing that judgement overseas.

## Practices

- Commercial Litigation
- Fiduciary and Private Client Litigation
- Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement
- Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

## Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets
- Private Client Services

## Education

- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law
- PGDL, Nottingham Law School
- BA, University of Cambridge

## Professional & Community Involvement

- Financial Markets Law Committee (FMLC), "Private Law Issues in AI" Working Group

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- Represent financial services business in securing in Privy Council the dismissal of proceedings commenced in Gibraltar by US trustee in bankruptcy.
- Represent hospitality business in obtaining worldwide freezing injunction relating to assets owned by an employee who engaged in theft.
- Represent individual in securing discharge of worldwide freezing injunction obtained in relation to overseas property transaction.
- Represent individual in obtaining injunction preventing development that would breach right of light.
- Advise aircraft leasing company on insurance claim arising from fatal air accident.
- Represent ICC arbitration relating to African mine.

## Recognitions

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*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- *Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom*
  - Environmental Law, 2023
- *Chambers UK*
  - 2005–2016
- JD Supra Reader's Choice - Top Read Article
  - Insurance, Transportation, 2024
- *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*
  - Leading Individual, 2014

## News

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- Katten Attorneys Recognized as Top Authors in 2024 JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards (March 5, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*<sup>TM</sup> in the UK (June 8, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Named to the *Best Lawyers*<sup>TM</sup> in the United Kingdom (June 9, 2022)
- Katten UK Acclaimed in Real Estate by Chambers UK 2017 (November 8, 2016)
- Katten UK Commended in Real Estate by *Chambers UK* 2016 (November 4, 2015)

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- Katten UK Real Estate, Finance, Corporate and Commercial Teams Lauded By *The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2014* (October 3, 2014)
- Katten Attorneys Given High Marks in Real Estate and Tax by *Chambers UK* (November 7, 2012)

## Publications

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- Report: Private Law Issues in AI (October 27, 2025)
- Leased Aircraft Stranded in Russia: A Survey of the Pending Insurance Claim Litigation in Different Jurisdictions (January 3, 2023)
- Options Available to Landlords Post Statutory Demand as of 1 June 2020 (June 2, 2020)
- Understanding the Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 (April 23, 2019)
- Brexit Frustration—High Court Rules on Important Landlord and Tenant and Commercial Case (February 25, 2019)
- UK Supreme Court Confirms 'No Oral Modification' Clauses Prevail Over Oral Amendments (June 18, 2018)

## Presentations and Events

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- Serviced Apartment Summit Europe (July 11, 2018) | *Participant* | *The Prosecco Roundtable Discussions*