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"Matthew Champ is the stand out individual. He manages a very diverse and large case load with aplomb. He keeps calm under pressure and gives clear guidance in complicated cases. He is also very good with clients and is capable of developing good working relationships with his opponents."

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Matt is a Partner and is the day to day manager of the Boys & Maughan litigation team, answering to and working with Andrew Baker.

Matt is a trained barrister, a scholar of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple and a Chartered Litigator and Advocate (CILEX Lawyer) who has independent practise rights. Matt's time before Boys & Maughan included being a self-employed advocate and an academic teaching law at the University of Portsmouth.

Matt is a well-respected litigator in all areas of civil litigation but, in particular, is known for his expertise in property litigation (recommended in the Legal 500) and also injunctive relief in the most complicated of cases.

Matt supports the University of Kent in many guises relating to developing the next generation of lawyers including founding and running the annual Boys & Maughan Civil Advocacy Competition.

Matt has worked on the following cases, to name but a few, in recent years:

Boys & Maughan (A Firm) v Moore [2020] EWCA Civ 1860

Clarified the law on duplicity in contempt proceedings and to what extent a party must comply with a court order when it is alleged that there are numerous legal and procedural defects that a party believes excusing them from compliance

MillChrist Developments Ltd v Waters [2020] 4 WLUK 45

Clarified to what extent the lockdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic could justify an injunction to prevent an adjudication taking place.

Believed to be the first such application relating to COVID nationally

Anglian Water Limited v Willow Inns Limited and Others [2022] EWHC - Awaiting Citation - Before Mrs Justice Ellenbogen

Appeal by way of case stated relating to the extent that statutory undertakers had to provide notice to themselves and also relating to the interpretation of sections 159, 168 and Schedule 6, Part II of the Water Industry Act 1991

Re: Queenborough Social Club [2020] EWHC – Unreported - Deputy Master Henderson

Application relating to the High Court exercising its inherent jurisdiction to wind up a friendly society of over 400 members that had been deregistered by the Financial Conduct Authority as a result of failing to file accounts and other regulatory requirements. Court was also asked to approve a members list and scheme

of distribution where the club secretary had failed to keep a complete members list and the club rules had not been followed

Trustees of Queenborough Social Club v Morris [2019] Medway County Court - Unreported

Application relating to injunctive relief sought by Matt's client to compel a former club secretary accused of fraudulent dealings with members' money to provide documentation, an account, answer questions relating to her activities and also included a claim for damages

Calland v Financial Conduct Authority [2015] EWCA Civ 192 (Junior Fee Earner)

An appeal relating to the level of conduct that must be met before a regulator can be accused of harassment contrary to the Protection from Harassment Act 1997

Re: The Inquest of Barry West [2021] - Unreported - Before Senior Coroner of Kent, Patricia Harding

Matt was instructed to prevent the naming of individuals related to the deceased, the son of serial killers Fred and Rose West, at an inquest being held in public. Concerned issues relating to parties' right to anonymity, the right to a private life and also the impact of such considerations on children that may be adversely impacted. Threatened injunctive proceedings against the coroner service.

Inquest received national coverage.

Mapp v Bridges [2021] - Unreported - EWHC - Before Mr Justice Michael Green

Urgent application hearing in the Chancery Division of the High Court. Case concerned the Defendant attempting to unlawfully evict as part of a mob Matt's client who had a legally protected business lease of a commercial livery yard in Kent.

Baylis & Kreuder v (1) Haider (2) P G Solicitors t/a Edward Marshall Solicitors and (3) Together Commercial Limited [2022] - EWHC - Ongoing

Claim relating to alleged breaches of the general prohibition on carrying out regulated activities without authorisation carried out against Matt's client and, due to the alleged negligent and/or fraudulent activities of solicitors, whether a purported contract of sale could take effect at law considering the doctrine of mistake.

Highlighted on Westlaw's case tracker.

Spencer v Roy [2021] EWHC - Unreported- Before Mr Justice Mann

Emergency application relating to an ex-partner of Matt's client refusing to authorise contracts to be exchanged to enable the sale of a property to go through with the risk of losing the buyer and potentially devastating consequences.

George W Barclay Limited v VIQR London 11 Limited [2022] - EWHC Unreported - Before Mr Justice Meade

Urgent application relating to an interim declaration concerning whether Matt's client was entitled to rescind a substantial contract for sale and forfeit a deposit where there was no response received from the Defendant.

Henley Finance Limited v Goyette & Associates and BioScience Enterprises Inc - Ongoing - United States District Court Eastern District of California

Case relating to allegations made by Matt's client that a lawful investment in hemp products in with an American company was fraudulent and that an attorney providing escrow services acted in breach of trust by unlawfully distributing Mat's client's funds without authorisation.

Copeland v Takalobigashi [2021] EWHC - Unreported - Before Mr Justice Trower

Application relating to seeking urgent relief concerning the Defendant carrying out alleged acts of trespass and threatening violence against Matt's client and Matt himself.

