



Richard Glover QC

Year of call: 1984 (QC 2009)



Practice Profile

Richard Glover specialises in all aspects of town and country planning, local government, rating, compulsory purchase and compensation law, administrative, environmental, parliamentary and election law. He has wide experience of all courts (from the House of Lords down) and an extensive range of tribunals and inquiries.

"Richard Glover is acclaimed for 'first-class' advisory and advocacy skills, particularly in the retail sector. Clients appreciate the fact that he is 'very approachable'".
Chambers & Partners, 2005/2006

"Richard Glover is a leading authority on rating" Legal 500, 2005

Cases of Note

- Appearing for the promoting authority, the London Development Agency, at the inquiry into the London Development Agency (Lower Lea Valley, Olympic and Legacy) Compulsory Purchase Order - CPO to acquire land for regeneration in the Lower Lea Valley, including site to be used for the Olympics
- Advising BT on their successful response to the European Commission's investigation on whether there has been state aid (alleged to be to the tune of several billion pounds) in the valuation for rating of BT's core network
- NSE Inquiry - appeal for development in green belt for 200+ residential units as enabling development
- Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints v. Gallagher - in the Court of Appeal - on the exemption of buildings occupied by religious bodies from rates
- Harrods - assessment of rateable value of Knightsbridge Store
- Optical Express Southern v. Birmingham City Council - new approach to compensation for business loans, in the Lands Tribunal

Experience

ADVISORY WORK AND MEDIATION

- In rating, he has advised many of the country's major businesses on valuation and other matters. His list of recent clients includes Harrods, Tesco, the retailers of Bond Street, Corus, BP, Total, BT, Orange, O2, Thales, Global Crossing, Transco, British Energy, RWE npower and other electricity generators, various port operators, Vosper Thornycroft, Smiths Aerospace, Somerset House, the National Trust, J.D. Wetherspoon and many others. He has also advised several major concerns (including the Mass Transit Railway Corporation) about rating and Government rent matters in Hong Kong.
- In planning and compulsory purchase, he advised the London Development Agency on the preparation for and prosecution of the compulsory purchase order for the land required for the Olympic Games - and TfL in respect of the Greenwich Peninsula CPO. He advises numerous clients on a wide range of planning matters, from the nuclear industry (he advised BNFL on several matters relating to the decommissioning of a number of Magnox power stations), through conference centres to leisure, residential and retail. He also has advised a wide range of clients on compensation claims (here and in Hong Kong); his list of clients includes both acquiring authorities (such as the LDA, and Environment Agency Anglian Water and Bristol City Council) and claimants.

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE

Notable planning cases include

- TAG McLaren Racing Team HQ - green belt
- Manchester Free Trade Hall - listed building

- Genome Centre for the Wellcome Trust outside Cambridge
- The new settlement inquiry outside Reading
- Works in the decommissioning of Trawsfynydd Nuclear Power Station for Magnox Electric
- Enabling development in the green belt for the National Society of Epilepsy
- The Olympic CPO for the LDA
- The Greenwich Peninsula CPO for TfL

COMPULSORY PURCHASE AND COMPENSATION

Recent compulsory purchase and compensation cases include

- Bishopsgate Space Management
- Bridgstart Properties - in the Lands Tribunal and Court of Appeal, re: limitation
- *Optical Express Southern v. Birmingham City Council* - new approach to compensation for business loans, in the Lands Tribunal

RATING

Richard Glover has appeared in most of the major rating cases in recent years including

- *BT v. Sanderson* - concerning the valuation of the BT network in England and Wales
- Coventry and Solihull - House of Lords
- *Orange PCS v. Bradford* - Lands Tribunal and Court of Appeal
- His success in *Anston Properties v. Benjamin* led to the Rating (Valuation Act 1999).

Publications

- Editor of 'Tottels Local Government Law'
- Editor of 'Ryde on Rating & the Council Tax'
- Editor of 'Halsbury's Laws (on rating)'
- "Planning & Public Rights of Way" (October 2006) for the CLT seminar Highways & Rights of Way Update
- Powers of acquisition (October 2007) for the chambers seminar Compulsory Purchase and Compensation
- "CPOs - A Practical Update" (January 2008) for the CLT seminar Property Problems for Local Authorities and Their Advisors.
- "Compulsory Purchase Powers - The Amended Section 226 of the TCPA 1990" (November 2004) for the chambers seminar Current Issues in Compulsory Purchase and Compensation Law.
- Compulsory Purchase for Highway Purposes (April 2008) for CLT Roads and New Development conference

Qualifications and Appointments

- BA from Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge
- Member of the Planning and Environment Bar Association
- Committee Member of the Parliamentary Bar Mess
- Accredited Mediator

