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Tim Dawson has over 25 years' experience dealing with corporate restructuring, refinancing and distressed real estate, acting for many and varied financial institutions including banks, funds and alternative capital providers.

Tim advises financial institutions, landlords and insolvency practitioners on non-contentious corporate and real estate restructuring and insolvency, including financial and operational restructuring, security enhancement, protection and enforcement, work outs, refinancings.

He also acts on fixed charge receiverships and administrations dealing with asset realisations.

- Restructuring
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Asset Based Lending

- Energy and Natural Resources

KEY EXPERIENCE

- Acting for the lender and then the administrators in relation to a theme and leisure park in Skegness dealing with the operational turnaround and eventual sale of the business.
- Acting for LBG over a four year period in relation to a distressed real estate lend in excess of GBP150 million to numerous connected companies with security over 120+ properties, including advising on security issues, enforcement options, contingency planning, restructure of facilities and a consensual sale and refinance process that has significantly reduced the bank's exposure.
- Advising the banking syndicate on a leveraged facility to a retailer including dealing with the amendment of facilities and provision of additional funds from the sponsor.
- Advising a major UK bank on its significant real estate exposure to a high net worth individual and family including dealing with security issues, consensual disposals, appointment of fixed charge receivers and court actions by numerous other creditors including applications by them to marshal the bank's security.
- Advising the administrators of a steel stockholder business, including dealing with three separate sales, resulting in the provision of over 400 jobs.
- Advising various lenders in relation to distressed real estate lending to high net worth individuals (including off-shore SPVs) and protecting their position via consensual arrangements or enforcement.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Prior Experience

2008 to date, Partner, DLA Piper

1997 to 2007, Associate, DLA Piper

1994 to 1997, Solicitor, DLA Piper

1992 to 1994, Trainee Solicitor, DLA Piper

Education

- Essex Chester Law School, LLB (Hons)
- College of Law, Chester (LSF)

INSIGHTS

Publications

Restrictions on winding-up petitions: phasing out of temporary measures

23 September 2021

The UK Government has announced changes to the regime for winding-up petitions. With effect from 1 October 2021, some of the protections currently afforded to businesses against aggressive debt recovery action are being phased out.

So where are landlords and tenants now following the September quarter day?

Updated 1 October 2021

The Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill has been published. It implements the measures announced by the UK government on 23 April 2020 to safeguard against aggressive rent collection tactics. It follows the ban on forfeiture for non-payment of rent contained in the Coronavirus Act 2020 which came into effect on 25 March 2020.

UK Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act: Temporary restrictions on winding-up petitions and statutory demands

Updated 30 June 2021

On 23 April 2020, the UK Government announced that the use of statutory demands and winding-up petitions would be restricted to 'safeguard the UK high street against aggressive debt recovery actions' during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- "Getting insolvency proceedings recognized in the UK: Have you thought about section 426?", 7 October 2019
- "Tenant Insolvency - How landlords should approach CVAs", 24 October 2018
- "Company voluntary arrangements: Protecting landlord interests", 3 October 2018

