



## Christopher Gabbitas

### Consultant Solicitor

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## Overview

Christopher is a commercial lawyer specialising in the media and music sectors, working with performers, musicians, management companies and record labels on the legal aspects of touring, performance and recording. He also advises photography and other creative agencies on all aspects of their contractual relationships. Christopher has extensive in-house experience advising Grammy Award-winning group The King's Singers, which he was also a member of from 2004 to 2018.

Christopher also advises members of the International Artist Managers' Association (IAMA) on a wide range of issues.

His general commercial experience centres on small business advice including confidentiality agreements, franchising and licensing agreements.

## Expertise

- Music performance
- Touring and recording
- Publishing
- Intellectual property
- Photography

## Cases

- Acted for several high-profile songwriters and performing artists in negotiations with records labels such as Universal, Decca, EMI Records, publishing houses including Absolute Label Services, Peer Music, Eagle-i and Kobalt, and management contracts with Modest Management, Nick Stewart & Associates amongst others.
- General advice to FlyNet Media including image rights, merchandising and management deal with television personality Ant Middleton, and Exclusivity Contract with Channel 4.
- General counsel for international photography agency LGA Management, advising on all aspects of commercial

relationships with photographers, makeup artists, agencies and advertising houses including in relation to image rights, endorsements, shoot engagements and general T&C.

- Advised emerging artists in negotiations with Britain's Got Talent and other reality television opportunities, and assisted classical/crossover artists with performance, recording and management agreements
- Legal adviser for Tracks 4 Change, a youth enfranchisement project run by Rob da Bank, Maisie Williams and Lizzie Ball including image rights, recording agreement, T&C and performance agreement with Bestival.

## Recognition

Member of The Law Society

## Career

<b>2019</b>	<b>Keystone Law</b>   <i>Consultant Solicitor</i>
<b>2004 - Present</b>	<b>The King's Singers Partnership</b>   <i>Managing Partner, Company Director, Broadcaster, Consultant</i>
<b>2015 - 2018</b>	<b>Clintons</b>   <i>Solicitor</i>
<b>2001 - 2003</b>	<b>Stephenson Harwood</b>   <i>Assistant Solicitor</i>
<b>2003</b>	Qualified as a solicitor