

Tameka G. Davis LL.B, LL.M, MCIArb

ABOUT ME:

I am currently a Partner in the litigation department of the International Law Firm of Conyers in the British Virgin Islands. I have in excess of 13 years' experience in high value complex commercial litigation. My practice covers company and commercial law almost exclusively involving a cross-border element, with particular focus on international insolvency and restructuring, asset tracing claims and interim urgent relief. I have advised extensively on the reciprocal enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards, cost assessments, challenges to the forum of the BVI Court, sanctioning schemes of arrangements, BVI procedural law, restoration of dissolved companies, Norwich Pharmacal type relief and obtaining and resisting orders for an injunction.

I appear in the Commercial Court Division of the Supreme Court and in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Virgin Islands and in the Court of Appeal.

I am an avid runner and have participated in multiple marathons and ultramarathon races. I am also an avid cook and have recently started freediving.

I. CONTACT INFORMATION

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II. EDUCATION

Advanced Certificate in International Arbitration,
2013, Road, Town, British Virgin Islands (Top
Performer)

University of London, Masters of Laws (LLM),
2011 (specialising in Company and Commercial
Law) London, England

Norman Manley School of Law, Legal Education
Certificate (LEC), 2005, Kingston Jamaica

BPP School of Law, Bar Vocational Course (BVC),
(2002-2003), London England (Very Competent)

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University of Wolverhampton, Holborn College,
LL.B (Hons) London England (Upper Second Class
Degree) (1999-2002)

University of the West Indies Faculty of Arts and
Humanities, History, 1999, Kingston, Jamaica
(Honours List)

United World College, International
Baccalaureate Program, Flekke Norway (1997-
1999)

III. BAR ADMISSIONS

British Virgin Islands (2009)(current)

Anguilla (2005)(current)

England and Wales (2003) (non-practising)

IV. HONORS AND AWARDS

Recognised as a Next Generation Partner in Legal
500 2023 Caribbean

Recognised in the 2023 edition (and since 2012)
of Legal 500 Caribbean (dispute resolution)

Recognised in the 2020 edition (and 2019) of
Global Restructuring Review 100

Recognised in the 2018 edition (and 2017) of
Who's Who Legal (asset recovery)

Recognised in the 2018 edition of Chambers
Global (dispute resolution – associate to watch)

Recognised in the 2017 edition of Who's Who
Legal (asset recovery)

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Recognised by the Global Restructuring Review
on the 40 Under 40 2016 list

International Bar Association Scholarship, 2004

Holborn College, LL.B (Hons), Award for Best
Average, 2002

Lincoln's Inn Sir Thomas More Scholarship, 2002

University of the West Indies Faculty of Arts and
Humanities Award for Outstanding Performance,
1999

United World College, Full Academic Scholarship

Knox College, graduated with Higher Honours

V. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- **PARTNER, CONYERS DILL AND PEARMAN, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (2009-Present)**
- **ASSOCIATE, WEBSTER DYRUD MITCHELL, THE VALLEY, ANGUILLA (2005-2009)**
- **JUDICIAL CLERK, SUPREME COURT OF JAMAICA, KINGSTON JAMAICA (2005)**
- **LAWYER, GARTH E. LYTTLE & CO., ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, KINGSTON, JAMAICA (2003 – 2005)**
- **LAW INTERN - THE INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (IBA), LONDON, ENGLAND (2004)**

VI. INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the Advisory Board for Fraud, Asset Tracing and Recovery

Global Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for Conyers

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Former Director, Women's Offshore Network (WON)

Former Director, Family Support Network

Director, British Virgin Islands Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Member, British Virgin Islands Bar Association

Member, Restructuring & Insolvency Specialists Association (BVI)

Member, the Organisations- of Eastern Caribbean States Bar Association

VII. INDUSTRY ACCOLADES

Various webinars and virtual appearances throughout 2020 and 2022

Chair and Presenter at the Fraud and Asset Tracing Conference in Miami 2022

Ranked by Chambers and Global Partners 2018 as an Associate to Watch.

Recognised by the Global Restructuring Review on the 40 Under 40 top Global Restructuring lawyers for 2016.

Annual Speaker at the International CIS and Russian Private Wealth Conference, Zurich Switzerland. (until March 2017).

C5, Fraud, Asset Tracing and Recovery Conference Speaker, Miami, September 2017.

VIII. SKILL AND ACTIVITIES

Proficient in word, office and all standard applications.

IX. NOTABLE EXPERTISE IN CROSS-BORDER RESTRUCTURING AND INSOLVENCY

- Acted for Adv Eitan Erez (a Israeli Trustee in Bankruptcy) in connection with his recognition and assistance in the BVI because of assets located in the jurisdiction namely the bankrupt's interest in the shares in Net International Limited, a BVI company. Represented the Trustee in the Commercial Division and Court of Appeal. This is the first appellate decision in the BVI on the common law powers of recognition and assistance to foreign insolvency practitioners under Parts XVIII and XIX of the BVI Insolvency Act.
- Advising the Joint Liquidators of various BVI companies in connection with the widely publicized 1Malaysia Development Berhad fraud.
- Represented the liquidator of British America Isle of Venice (BVI) Limited in connection with the CL Financial Group Collapse and provided assistance in connection with a Chapter 15 petition filed in the Florida Southern Bankruptcy Court
- Represented Pacific China Holdings in resisting the appointment of liquidators over its affairs based on a contested arbitral award, led by Richard Millett KC. The case was one of the first cases in the BVI which considered the remuneration of liquidators and the application of the common law lien and which examined the parameters of the test of "substantial dispute" where the disputed debt is an arbitral award.
- Represented Wellgate International Ltd in connection with an application to set aside a statutory demand served on it by Crastvell Trading Limited.
- Represented KMG International NV in connection with an application to appoint liquidators over the affairs of DP Holdings SA (a company incorporated in Switzerland)led by Alain Choo Choy KC. The case was one of the first cases which considered the courts power to serve a petition out of the jurisdiction in the context of the wind up of a foreign company.
- Represented Koshigi Limited in connection with an application to wind up its affairs based on a foreign arbitral award.

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- Acted for Black Marlin Energy Holdings Limited, an independent oil and gas exploration and appraisal company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange with 12 exploration blocks in Kenya, Ethiopia, Madagascar and the Seychelles in relation to an application to approve a scheme of arrangement.
- Acted for Gavin Mark Mayhew (a minority shareholder) in relation to an action involving the assessment of fair value of his shares in Olive Group Capital Limited following a statutory squeeze out. The case was the first of its kind in the BVI to consider the role of appraiser under section 179 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
- Obtained an order for the appointment of liquidators over the affairs of Smart Plus International (Holdings) Limited and acted for the liquidator to seek an order that a letter of request be issued to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Brunei.
- Represented Lightray Imaging Inc the assignee of debts of the majority members of the Creditors committee of a company in liquidation in connection with seeking prohibitory orders against the Joint Liquidators
- Acted for Investors Investments Asia Limited and Investor Group Asia L.P in connection with the appointment of liquidators over the affairs of Funmobile (Holdings) Company Limited.
- Acted for Infinitum Ventures Limited in relation to an application to set aside a statutory demand served on it by Awendale Resources Inc.

Publications

- Article on BVI public register of beneficiaries published in Forbes Russia <https://www.forbes.ru/mneniya/482208-publicnaa-sobstvennost-k-cemunado-gotovit-sa-beneficiaram-kompanij-na-bvi>
- Companies and Shareholders in the Spotlight – Article on the Net International Case – ThoughtLeaders4Disputes Magazine
- Insolvency Litigation: A Practical Guide – author of the BVI Chapter – published in December 2021
- Recognition of a foreign official in BVI case law <https://iclg.com/cdr/expert-views/16015-recognition-of-a-foreign-official-in-bvi-case-law>
- The Legal 500 Litigation Country Comparative Guide
- Litigation and Enforcement in the British Virgin Islands- Thomas Reuters Practical Law. (January 2018)

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- Garkusha Under the Spotlight – CDR Magazine May 2017
- The Recovery of Foreign Lawyers’ Fees in Commercial Litigation CDR Magazine December – November 2016
- [New York Convention provisions on stay trump BVI Arbitration Act](#), LexisNexis PSL Arbitration (Module), 2016
- [The Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards in the British Virgin Islands](#), LexisNexis PSL Arbitration (Module), 2014
- What Happens in the Meantime: Interim Measures Under the BVI Arbitration Act, 2013, BVI Finance Newsletter, September 2014
- BVI Chapter of the European Lawyer Reference Series of International Civil Fraud Jurisdictional comparisons, December 2013
- [Professional Directors Duties in BVI Companies](#), INSOL World, Fourth Quarter 2013
- [Registered Agents: More than Mere Onlookers](#), The Lawyer, April 2011
- BVI Editor, Offshore Case Digest

Articles

- Navigating Cost Assessments - the BVI Commercial Judge offers Clarity on Recoverable Costs in the Commercial Division
- Third Party Costs Orders: Service Out Judgment puts BVI Back in Business
- Interim remedies and emergency measures in support of arbitration in the British Virgin Islands
- Professional Director’s Duties in BVI Companies
- Determining the Extent of the Application of English Law in the British Virgin Islands
- Petitioning Creditor Ordered to Pay the Remuneration of Wrongly Appointed Liquidators
- The Black Swan jurisdiction two years on: lessons and limitations
- Registered Agents: More than Mere Onlookers
- BVI Court of Appeal makes law on two important issues
- A Landmark for BVI Litigation – the Commercial Court
- The Court’s Power To Vary, Revoke And Rescind Its Own Order
- A Guide to the use of the BVI Commercial Court
- Privy Council Guidance on Rectification of BVI Share Registers and Service Out
- Enforcing arbitral awards in the British Virgin Islands
- The Extent of BVI’s Court’s Discretion Under Section 3(1) of the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Act
- BVI Passes Arbitration Act