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Senior Attorney specialising in commercial and civil litigation. Experienced advocate regularly appearing before the Civil and FSD Division of the Grand Court and on civil matters in the Summary Court. Over 10 years of experience in both the UK and the Cayman Islands handling litigation matters.

**Admissions**

(2015) Attorney-at-Law, Cayman Islands

(2012) Solicitor of the Superior Courts of England and Wales

(2007) Barrister, England and Wales (Middle Temple) (non-practicing)

**Education and Qualifications**

(2011) Qualified Lawyer's Transfer Test, Manchester University – Grade A

(2007) Bar Vocational Course, University of the West of England – Very Competent

(2006) Law and Criminology (LLB), Keele University – 2:1 Hons

**Professional Experience**

**HSM Chambers, Cayman Islands**

**November 2002 to present**

**Partner**

Partner in the Litigation & Insolvency team. Supervisor of the Asset Recovery department.

**Kobre & Kim (Cayman), Cayman Islands**

**July 2022 to November 2022**

**Associate**

Litigation Associate handling high-value, complex, cross-border litigation and insolvency matters. Assisted in discovery and deposition preparation in the Twitter Inc v Elon Musk litigation.

**HSM Chambers, Cayman Islands**

**January 2015 –July 2022**

**Partner**

Partner in the Litigation & Insolvency team. Supervisor of the Asset Recovery department since arrival in 2015, acting for Class A banks and financial institutions within the jurisdiction, leading businesses, and strata corporations, involving complex debt collection strategies, and the enforcement of commercial loans & credit facilities. Principal supervisor of an Articled Clerk admitted as Attorney on 1 May 2019.

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Notable cases include:

- ***Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage Intermediate Fund Ltd. (In Official Liquidation) and Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage Fund (International) Limited (In Official Liquidation)***

Acted for the official liquidators of the funds including a claim against the former directors in *Platinum Funds v. Mark Alan Nordlicht, Estate of Uri David Landesman, David Isaiah Levy, Platinum Management (NY) LLC and Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage LP* and against the former auditors of the Platinum fund.

- ***Butterfield Trust (Cayman) Limited v A, B, C et al.***

Represented the primary beneficiary of a Cayman Islands Trust in relation to a 'category two' *Public Trustee v Cooper* application brought by the Trustee to vary the Trust and appoint out the entire Trust fund to the primary beneficiary.

- ***Poulton et al. v. McMullan et al.***

Acted for the Defendants in respect of hostile proceedings brought by the adult children of the settlor who were excluded from the Trust.

- ***Lilieth Deacon and Michael Beecher (as Executors of the Estate of Vary Anetta Jones-Leslie Breakenridge, the Deceased) v Roy Clivey Tamas.***

Represented the executors of the Estate and dependents of the deceased in a fatal accident claim seeking damages under the *Torts (Reform) Act* and *Estate Proceedings Act*.

- ***Performance Insurance Company SPC (in official liquidation) ("PIC")***

Acted for the official liquidators in the liquidation of PIC, a Cayman Islands segregated portfolio company with 12 segregated portfolios operating in the captive insurance industry in the US and Cayman.

- ***Monique Hamaty et al. v Sylvia Carlene Hamaty et al.***

Acted for the Defendants, including the Wife of the deceased and other family members, all of whom are executors of the Estate, in a contentious a Probate Claim in which the Plaintiffs, being the adult children of the deceased, seek the revocation of a Grant of Probate.

**Knox Ellis Solicitors, Manchester, UK**

**May 2013 – December 2014**

**Solicitor**

Solicitor undertaking all areas of housing law, advising registered social housing providers (as semi-quasi-public bodies) on all aspects of tenancy management including policy and lease drafting. Enforcement of tenancy breaches through anti-social behaviour injunctions, possession claims and committal applications. Regularly attended Court (including out of hours) conducting ex-parte applications, interlocutory hearings and fast track trials.

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**Keoghs, Nicholls, Lindsell & Harris Solicitors, Altrincham, UK**

**February 2011 – May 2013**

### **Solicitor**

Employed as a Solicitor in the Litigation department specialising in housing law, debt, welfare benefits and community care providing advice and assistance to those eligible for legal aid. Regularly challenged local authority decisions by way of Judicial Review and successfully defended possession claims on the grounds of proportionality (*Manchester City Council v Pinnock*). Acted as duty Solicitor in 5 different County Courts In the North West. Appointed as a Legal Aid Agency Supervisor with rights to devolve powers and supervise legal aid contracts.

**LPC Law Limited, London, UK**

**July 2007 – February 2011**

### **County Court Advocate**

Self-employed freelance County Court Advocate for a London based practice offering nationwide advocacy services. Conducted approximately 2300 hearings and small claims trials including rent and mortgage possessions, infant approvals with a particular emphasis on enforcement of Judgments. Represented numerous creditors presenting bankruptcy & winding up petitions and insolvency practitioners in applications for orders for sale and setting aside undervalue transactions.

### **Committees**

(2020) Chaired a subcommittee to respond to the *Registered Land (Amendment) Bill, 2020*. The committee's submissions were adopted by the Interim Council of CILPA as a formal response from the legal industry.

(2018) Chaired a subcommittee to respond to The Law Reform Commission's Discussion Paper: "*The Enforcement of Mortgage-type Security Over Real Estate: Is Reform of the Law Necessary?*" The committee's submissions were adopted by the Interim Council of CILPA as a formal response from the legal industry.

### **Community Involvement**

Volunteered Judge at the annual Cayman Islands Conyers Inter-school Debate Tournament since 2016. Registered Coach of the first Cayman Islands national team at the Macau online World School Debate Competition 2021.

### **Memberships**

Recovery and Insolvency Specialists Association (Cayman) [RISA]

International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation [IWIRC]

### **Accolades**

(2021) "Litigation Star" Benchmark Litigation (Latin America)