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Called to the Bar (July 2019)

Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors (2006)

Higher Rights of Audience (2010)

I PRACTICE AREAS/ EXPERIENCE

I have a broad commercial and commercial chancery practice.

Some selected recent representations:

International Arbitration

As a barrister:

- Acting (led by Simon Colton QC) in relation to ongoing multi-jurisdiction enforcement action on behalf of Cruz City 1 Mauritius Holdings, in respect of two LCIA arbitration awards now worth over \$500m.

As a solicitor:

- Represented a defence contractor in relation to a very high-value breach of contract dispute.
- Represented an Italian investor in a EUR300m investment treaty claim against an Eastern European state in relation to real estate projects (UNCITRAL Rules)
- Obtained a recognition and enforcement order in relation to a Chilean arbitration award and advising on enforcement options in England.
- Advised a US arbitration award creditor (ICC Award for US\$1.83bn) on enforcement options in England, including in relation to obtaining disclosure from non-parties.

General Commercial (including civil fraud)

As a barrister:

- Acting (led by Stephen Auld QC) for a claimant bank in Part 8 proceedings in the Commercial Court for non-disclosure and ancillary orders in support of proceedings in the British Virgin Islands under s.25 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982. Advising the bank in connection with ongoing proceedings concerning a claim to set aside a Tomlin Order for fraud and unlawful means conspiracy, including in relation to an application to challenge the BVI court's jurisdiction.
- Advising on jurisdictional issues arising under Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 in the context of disputes (a) between 2 former business partners and (b) a consumer and trader.
- Advised the claimant/respondent in relation to an application before the BVI Court to discharge a WWFO for non-disclosure.
- Representing an engine supplier in relation to a breach of contract dispute with an FIA WEC racing team.

As a solicitor:

- Advised individual defendants to civil claims brought against them by a foreign tax authority in relation to an alleged £1bn withholding tax fraud. Involves (among other issues) complex conflict of laws and jurisdictional issues.
- Advised an oligarch-owned Eastern European bank on complex conflict of laws issues arising in relation to a dispute connected to a finance agreement and an apparent fraud.
- Represented a minority shareholder in a BVI-registered mining company in relation to a dispute concerning shareholder rights (BVI Commercial Court).

Commercial Chancery

As a barrister:

- Advising a Trustee in a Settlor/Beneficiary dispute in Cayman.
- Representing a Trustee in Bankruptcy in a dispute regarding legal costs.
- Representing 2 directors in a s.212 Insolvency Act 1986 claim against them.
- Representing a creditor in a CVA challenge under s.6 Insolvency Act 1986.

II CAREER

Sept 2019 – Current	THREE STONE, 3 Stone Buildings, Lincoln’s Inn, London, Barrister
2016 – Aug 2019	JENNER & BLOCK LONDON LLP, UK, Special Counsel then Partner, Qualified Solicitor and solicitor advocate (Contentious; International Arbitration and Commercial Litigation).
2008 – 2011; 2012 -2016	WHITE & CASE LLP, London, UK, Associate, Qualified Solicitor (Contentious; Commercial Litigation and International Arbitration).
2006 – 2008:	SQUIRE & CO, London, UK, Associate, Qualified Solicitor (Contentious; Commercial Litigation and Arbitration).
2004 – 2006:	SLAUGHTER AND MAY, London, UK, Trainee and Associate, Qualified Solicitor (Transactional; Bank Finance) and Trainee.

III EDUCATION, AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS

COMBAR

Member of International Bar Association

Member of Society of Legal Scholars

2015 - 2016:	MSt in Legal Research, Worcester College, Oxford University. Supervisor: Professor Adrian Briggs. (Excerpts from thesis published in LMCLQ and CJQ).
2012:	Finals Prize, Worcester College, Oxford University.
2011 – 2012:	MSc in Law and Finance, Oxford University (Distinction).

- 2011: Certificate in Commercial Restitution (Masters level), University College London
- 2009: Certificate in Civil Litigation (Procedure) (Masters level), University College London
- 2000 – 2002: Exhibitioner of Lincoln College, Oxford University.
- 1999 – 2002: BA in Jurisprudence, Lincoln College, Oxford University.

IV PUBLICATIONS

Articles/Case Notes

- Securing Enforcement of Arbitral Awards – the Problem(s) with Non-Parties - [2019] 1(2) JEAA 13.
- International jurisdiction and the grant of post-judgment information-provision orders: post tenebras lux? [2018] 37(4) CJQ 484.
- ‘A corridor of uncertainty? Brexit, international jurisdiction and the space between adjudication and execution’ [2017] LMCLQ 448.
- MAC Clauses, Change and **Grupo Hotelero** (2014) 6 JIBLR 319 – referenced in L Gullifer & J Payne, *Corporate Finance Law: Principles and Policy* (2nd edn, Hart 2015) and P Mankowski, *Rechtskultur* (Mohr Siebeck 2016).
- ‘21st Century Alchemy: a case note on **Raiffeisen Zentralbank Osterreich AG v Royal Bank of Scotland**’ (2010) 25 JIBLR 608, referenced in J White, “Defining ‘exclusion clauses’ and excluding ‘defining’ clauses” [2016] JBL 373.
- **Tarn IS Ltd (in administration) v Kirby** – Case Comment [2009] 28 CJQ 300.

Other

- Co-author, England & Wales section of IBA Arbitration Committee Report on Recognition and Enforcement of Awards - *forthcoming*
- Co-author, ‘Prevention of Asset Stripping: Worldwide freezing orders’ – GAR, The Guide to Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards (chapter 11, July 2019)
- ‘Enforcement of Arbitral Awards and Foreign Judgments in England & Wales’ – Jenner & Block publication, co-author with C Lightfoot. First published on 1 October 2017, now in its second edition.

V PRO BONO AND OTHER

- Bar Pro Bono Unit (now Advocate) (2017-19) – I have advised on conflict of laws, enforcement and related procedural issues for clients unable to afford representation (one matter ongoing).
- Jenner & Block Mentorship Award 2017.
- On the White & Case Honour Roll for Pro Bono.
- Volunteer at the Royal Courts of Justice CAB and Whitechapel Mission (2012 – 2015).