

Alice Carver

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Associate

An analytical professional with experience in large scale commercial disputes, insolvency matters, and general civil litigation. Expertise in case management, commercial litigation, document drafting, legal advice, and project management. Proven success in supporting companies listed on the HKEX by resolving a number of complex disputes. Adept at supporting clients by devising effective practical solutions. Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills with an ability to develop professional relationships with clients and referral agents.

Professional Experience

Nelsons, Cayman Islands

Litigation Associate, March 2019 – present

I am a commercial and civil general litigator and advocate. I accept instructions in all aspects of general civil litigation. I act for both insurers and claimants in personal injury matter, I advise on employment issues including investigations by the Department of Labour and Pensions and I regularly advise on a range of strata issues. I am currently instructed in a number of complex high value cross border matters including a civil claim for recovery of over US\$300M obtained through fraud in the UAE. I am also presently involved in regulatory matters on behalf of a utilities company in the Cayman Islands, including potential judicial review proceedings of the regulator.

Priestleys, Cayman Islands

Associate, July 2016 – December 2018

I worked closely with clients to manage cases from the beginning until the end in order to resolve complex commercial disputes and insolvency matters. I provided legal guidance to several interested parties in relation to *Ahmad Hamad Al Gosaibi and Brothers v Saad Investments Company Limited* and predicted the outcome of this case with great success. I supported companies listed on the HKEX and represented the Liquidation Committee for Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage L.P. (In Official Liquidation), a US based mutual fund with international assets. My general civil litigation practice incorporated a wide range of disputes including contentious trust matters, high value personal injury claims and contractual disputes. I also advised a number of stratas in prestigious complexes on a full range of issues and am one of the few attorneys on island with an in-depth knowledge of the new Education Law which is likely to be litigated in a number of ways.

- Utilised effective negotiation and interpersonal skills to secure a creditor's full US\$9M debt in a liquidation in which no other creditor had yet been paid out.
- Filed an appeal against Cayman Islands Society of Professional Accountants (CIIPA) and appealed to the Ombudsman against CIIPA's position that it did not fall within the remit of the Freedom of Information Law.
- Advised on the termination of an employee benefit trust in the absence of a trust deed or any contemporaneous documentation.
- Struck out a writ for a company listed on the HKEX which sought a declaration that the new Board of Directors was not validly appointed. Obtained indemnity costs permitting the recovery of Hong Kong attorney's fees.

Samson & McGrath, Cayman Islands

Associate, June 2015 to July 2016

I earned my own reputation and supported the firm by bringing in the vast majority of my own clients. I successfully managed criminal cases from the Summary Court through to the Court of Appeal, including complex financial frauds as well as charges for murder, rape, armed robbery, and immigration crime.

- Leveraged legal expertise in attaining an acquittal for a client charged with wounding with intent, despite multiple witnesses identifying him as the perpetrator.
- Facilitated the client by obtaining a minimal sentence of two years' imprisonment following an aggravated burglary involving a flick knife.
- Stayed a prosecution as an abuse of process for a vulnerable teenager following repeated failings by the Crown.

Drystone Chambers, London, UK

Tenant, November 2013 – present

My specialism at the Bar was fraud and the proceeds of crime along with a rapidly developing immigration practice. I acted for the Crown and for defendants in the full range of criminal matters. I managed a sensitive case relating to the abuse of young children which involved public interest immunity issues and I was frequently instructed in judicial review matters. I also delivered a number of seminars on human rights issues.

- Utilised effective negotiation skills to negotiate the figure down from £94,000 to £10,000 in a confiscation hearing.
- Successfully obtained multiple convictions for fraud on behalf of the Crown despite receiving case papers on the morning of the trial.

Furnival Chambers, London, UK

Pupil, October 2012 – November 2013

I fostered congenial and professional relationships with my instructing solicitors, resulting in an instruction in an appeal against a sentence for imprisonment for public protection before the Court of Appeal. I performed day-to-day activities in court and expanded my Crown Court practice. I dealt with my own cases in the areas of crime, extradition, and confiscation.

Tuckers Solicitors, London, UK

Paralegal, June 2011 – September 2012

I was employed by the Special Casework and Health & Safety departments due to my exceptional legal services. I assisted in the management of large and complex criminal cases as well as a caseload focusing on fraud and money laundering while working for the Special Casework Department. In the Health and Safety Department I supported in delivering a weekly advice service to the Health and Safety Executive.

Education and Credentials

Bar Professional Training Course, Very Competent | BPP Law School – London, UK

Graduate Diploma in Law, Commendation | BPP Law School – London, UK

BSc (Hons) Psychology, 1st Class | University of Sussex – London, UK

Courses & Positions

International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (Cayman Islands Network) Co-Director of Community Service (2017 - Present)

STEP Certificate in International Trust Management (2018, Distinction)

BPP Law School - Forensic Accounting (2014)

Scholarships

Shelford Award, The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (2012)

Kennedy Scholarship, The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (2010)

Hardwicke Award, The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (2010)