**Carly Schiff**

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**PROFILE**

I am an experienced insolvency solicitor, with considerable experience in both contentious and non-contentious matters. I am mentioned in Legal 500 in both the banking litigation and insolvency sections. I am driven and hard-working and a key quality is my ability to provide technical but pragmatic advice. I manage a diverse caseload and am responsible for an associate, a trainee solicitor and mentor two other junior team members. I have good business development skills and can demonstrate an ability to win work, which I am confident will grow with the right team.

**Recent quotes:**

*"Carly Schiff is exceptionally responsive, practical and incredibly effective. Her technical skills are impressive and her ability to understand the commercial implications and find efficient resolutions that work with the companies strategy."*

*"Carly Schiff: a brilliant, down-to-earth but hard-as-nails expert lawyer."*

*"Duncan Black and Carly Schiff are extremely thorough and add a great deal of value to all aspects of litigation"*

**ADMITTED: July 2012**

**EDUCATION and QUALIFICATIONS**

2014: **Higher Advocate Rights Graduate Diploma**

2009: **University of Law, Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice – Distinction**

2005: **University of Reading, 2.1 LLB Honours Degree**

2001: **A Levels A,A,B St.Bedes, Upper Dicker, Hailsham**

**CAREER HISTORY AND EXPERIENCE**

**Fieldfisher LLP, Legal Director – March 2018 to present**

Fieldfisher is a European-centric firm with a particular focus on technology, financial services, retail, energy & natural resources and life sciences.

Highlights of work include:

* Advising a creditor on the first Part 26A Companies Act cross-class cram down application (DeepOcean)
* Advising a key designer following the collapse of Debenhams
* Advising an international brand on a significant ROT claim following the collapse of House of Fraser (and other key concession holders on their rights)
* Advising a distressed airline on termination and other general lease agreement disputes
* Advising the administrators on a travel company collapse and corresponding with ATOL
* Assisting a media production company in respect of a distressed distribution agent
* Assisting the special managers of Carillion in respect of various run-off issues with counterparties
* Assisting the directors of a UK entity following the discovery of a large fraud perpetrated by a co-director in a group entity in New Zealand (a fund administrator), with funds being managed by Cayman entities
* Advising a retailer following their acquisition of certain Arcadia brands following administration (in particular in respect of international franchisees)
* Assisting with the sale in administration of a Namibian lead and zinc mine
* General insolvency litigation acting for officeholders on antecedent transactions and interim applications
* Security reviews, appointment advice for administrators and LPA Receivers
* Drafting and negotiating pre-pack sale documentation
* Assisting other departments with ad-hoc advice
* Drafting update bulletins, providing internal and client seminars, writing articles and hosting client events.

**Gateley Plc, Restructuring Associate, Reading, September 2016 – February 2018**

Gateley Plc is the first U.K commercial law firm to float on the London Stock Exchange. Gateley Plc is a fast growing law firm with 150 partners and 300 further lawyers. Gateley Plc offers a solution-driven, commercial legal advice based on an integrated, partner-led service, operating from offices in Birmingham, Leeds, Leicester, London, Manchester, Nottingham, Reading and Dubai.

Highlights include working with the Insolvency and Corporate Recovery teams across the country on a variety of matters such as:-

* + Bond claims for successor practitioners;
	+ Tax avoidance scheme claims;
	+ Dishonest assistance and knowing receipt claims;
	+ Advised and implemented the placing of 2040 companies into CVL and subsequent investigations;
	+ Acted for both office-holders and purchasers on various pre-pack transactions including one of the world’s leading suppliers and operators of a fleet of container equipment to a diversity of global user markets;
	+ Security reviews;
	+ Validity advice;
	+ Directors advice and support; and
	+ Section 236 (of the Insolvency Act 1986) enquiries;

I have been actively involved in developing the Gateley Plc brand within the Thames Valley area by attending and organising a number of insolvency events. By utilising my knowledge of the market and organising cross- discipline team on team events *we* enabled Gateley Plc to continue to grow in the market place. I have been successful in attracting new clients and generating income for the firm. In addition I have a proven track record of repeat business and recommendations through current clients.

**ADDITIONAL ROLES**

* LexisNexis PSL Author;
* R3 Thames Valley Committee

**Corporate Recovery Associate, Boyes Turner LLP – September 2010 to September 2016**

Contentious Insolvency experience includes:

**Personal insolvency:-**

* Bankruptcy petitions and hearings;
* Bankruptcy applications for possession and sale of property;
* Applications in respect of antecedent transactions such as preference payments, transactions at undervalue, sham declarations, void dispositions and extortionate credit agreements;
* IPO applications; and
* Applications for private examination of bankrupt and related parties.

**Corporate insolvency:** -

* Winding-up petitions and petition hearings;
* Applications on behalf of administrators/liquidators in respect of misfeasance, wrongful trading and antecedent transactions to include preference payments, transactions at an undervalue and payment of illegal dividends, fraudulent conduct, knowing assistance and dishonest receipt;
* Applications on behalf of liquidators for private examination of directors and/or associated parties, and for production of records;
* Office holder remuneration applications; and
* Defending appeals to office-holders adjudication of creditor proofs of debt.

**Proceeds of Crime:-**

* Enforcement of confiscation orders; and
* Defending applications made by defendants and associated parties asserting trust claims over property caught by a confiscation order.

**Non-Contentious Insolvency**:-

* Advised Insolvency Practitioners in respect of all aspects of insolvency, appointment documentation, distribution of assets, interpretation of agreements, employment and pension issues;
* Security reviews;
* Dealt with the sale of businesses, including as part of pre-pack insolvency arrangements, including negotiated and prepared business sale agreements;
* Structured agreements to include share transfers;
* Drafted documents to assign or grant licenses in respect of Intellectual Property;
* Dealt with surrender, assignment, forfeiture and disclaiming of property as relevant to the appointment; and
* Additional issues encountered include charity trust funds, licensing and environmental concerns.

I have gained invaluable experience in completing the above applications and matters. I have been able to finalise all the necessary steps, starting the initial investigations and preliminary contact with the respective clients. I have built a rapport with the client to ensure they are well advised throughout. I have also drafted pleadings, prepared witness statements and have acted as advocate on various applications.

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING**

I developed and implemented business development initiatives to include, writing articles and presentations for client seminars and conferences. I also gained the responsibility of organising client events, marketing activities for the firm and the development of a firm female networking group.

**Boyes Turner LLP Training Contract - September 2010 to March 2012**

**Seats included**

* Corporate Recovery
* Employment
* Commercial & Technology Group
* Secondment with a corporate client
* Clinical Negligence

**Camp Manager, Bushlife Safari Company, Zimbabwe, September 2009 to July 2010 –**

Management of all staff members to enable successful client care, transfer and hosting of high net worth clients. I also assisted with canoe and walking safaris. In addition I have gained experience in stock control, budgeting and resupplies.

**Residential Conveyancer, Coffin Mew LLP, September 2007 to August 2008 -**

I managed a considerable mixed caseload of transactions and progression of files from instruction to completion to include, freehold, leasehold, new build and unregistered properties. I would complete title checks, raised enquires and reported to clients, solicitors and third parties. I assisted with training of other team members and delegated work within the team. I also established a team to process the legal element of HIPs.

**Residential Conveyancer Case Handler, Shoosmiths (Northampton) December 2005 to August 2007** Assisted with a mixed property caseload in a multi service, high turnover environment with considerable completion targets. I progressed cases from instruction, through to post completion and worked with support teams such as New Business and Accounts.

**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:**

I am a keen sportswoman, competing at school level in swimming, tennis, netball and hockey. I continue to play club tennis and enjoy yoga, skiing/snowboarding and gym/fitness and have participated in various charity fundraising efforts.

**REFERENCES**

Available on request