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PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a Solicitor Advocate, advising corporate and commercial clients on civil fraud and directors' misfeasance cases within banking, entertainment and luxury goods sectors with an emphasis on white collar crime, company as well as complex commercial disputes involving breaches of contract. I also appear routinely in County Courts on behalf of clients.

During my training contract I worked on a complex, high value, multi-jurisdictional claim involving the Libyan Government and a hedge fund based in London.

EDUCATION

2017 - Professional Skills Course (corporate electives)
2006 / 2007 - Legal Practice Course (corporate electives) 4 commendations and a Distinction
2003 – 2006 LLB Honours
1998 – 2000 A-Levels
1996 – 1998 GCSEs

EMPLOYMENT

11/2019 – present
Richard Slade and Company Ltd
Associate Solicitor Advocate

Saber Interactive, Inc v Oovee Limited and others (Defamation)
Saber Interactive, Inc and Pavel Zagrebelny v Oovee Limited (breach of contract)
111 Skin Ltd v Daniel Smith and others (breach of directors' duties, conspiracy and fraud conspiracy)

- Responsible for managing a range of medium (£100k +) to high value (£1m. +) litigation matters for both Claimant and Defendant from point of taking instructions to instructing counsel, issuing proceedings, attending court and negotiating settlements where possible;
- £1m. plus claim for breach of contract and non-payment of commission due under an Introducer / Finder's agreement in respect of a large property in the south of Italy;
- £1m. plus claim against a company for non-payment under a contract for the development of a high-profile computer game;
- £1m. plus claim acting on behalf of the defendant in a breach of director's contractual and fiduciary obligations under Companies Act 2016; civil fraud; obtaining secret profits / commissions and misappropriating assets in breach of trust; dishonest assistance and knowing receipt of assets; conspiracy;
- Claim against a UK regulator of communications services in relation to policy decision; and,
- Providing support to more junior members and trainees of the firm.

09/2018 – 10/2019 Thomas Miller Ltd (underwriting agent to Allianz)

In-house legal counsel - Commercial contracts & claims/complaints/disputes

- Reporting directly to CEO;
- Supervising and providing guidance on interpretation of wording in policy to 2 members of underwriting team in respect of claims and coverage;
- Outsourcing and providing instructions to solicitors for complex legal disputes;
- Providing a dispute resolution service in relation to breaches of contract and Code breaches;
- Liaising with insurers and loss adjusters and providing instructions in respect of contracts and claims;
- Managing and responding to all company complaints in accordance with FCA guidance;
- Claims management including providing input into litigation strategy, settlement offers and WP correspondence; and,
- Attending Operations Committee meetings to report back on progress to heads of department.

01/12/2017 – 23/09/2018 Richard Slade and Company Plc – Solicitor

David Lloyd v Howard Kruger 2018

- Managing a £1m. claim for alleged fraudulent misrepresentation to induce a party into a contract to purchase a business in the media sector; taking instructions; attending trial; and,
- Managing a claim for breach of a higher purchase contract; taking client instructions; providing instructions to counsel.

01/06/2016 – 30/11/2017 Richard Slade and Company Plc - Trainee Solicitor

FM Capital Partners Ltd. v Frederic Marino in the U.K. High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts (reported in the Financial Times)

- Acted for the defendant in an £80m. claim for fraud, bribery and director's breach of fiduciary duties owed to his company, a hedge fund that was responsible for managing a portion of the Libyan sovereign wealth fund;
- Freezing orders;
- NCA (national crime agency) involvement for criminal element;
- Provided instructions to counsel throughout; and,
- Attended without prejudice meetings in relation to settlement;

General contentious

- Drafting applications; witness statement; filing documents with court; taking instructions.

Non-contentious

- Drafting Share Purchase Agreements, Franchise Agreements, Settlement Agreements.

10/2007- 06/2016 – Litigation Paralegal (within commercial sector)

After completion of the LPC, I gained experience as a litigation paralegal in a range of law firms including Ince & Co., Healys LLP, Caytons Law and Cogent solicitors. I also worked for 4 years in an Italian law firm based out of its Rome and Palermo office.

INTERESTS

I enjoy keeping fit and attend the gym regularly. I snowboard, play tennis and completed the London Marathon in 2022. I maintain a healthy diet and lifestyle and am fluent in the Italian language due to my half-Italian heritage.

REFERENCES – AVAILABLE ON REQUEST