



## Nikki Singla

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### Qualifications and Appointments

- Winchester College and New College, Oxford (Law, BA Hons, First Class, BCL, First Class).

*“He is sharp, quick, and gains the respect of both the opposition and the judges”*

Chambers UK, 2014

## Memberships

- Commercial Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association

## Practice Overview

Nikki is recognised in the directories as one of the leading juniors in commercial and business litigation: *“The ‘commercially savvy’ Nikki Singla is ‘one of the finest junior barristers to be found’*, *The Legal 500*, Commercial Litigation 2013. He is in the top band of juniors for his offshore practice in *Chambers & Partners* 2014. Nikki is listed in the *Who’s Who Legal: UK Bar 2015* for Private Client.

He has a breadth of expertise covering a wide range of commercial and business disputes particularly in the fields of complex contracts, joint ventures, IP licensing agreements, media and entertainment, and professional negligence. He brings additional depth to his practice with his expertise in equity, equitable remedies including asset tracing, trusts and trusts litigation, and company and partnership law.

He is recommended in the directories as a leading junior in his practice areas where comments include that he is *“without doubt one of the brightest juniors”*, a *“skilful, strategic advocate”* with the ability to *“cut through the complexities to the core issues”*. Previous directories and publications have remarked that he is *“knowledgeable and user friendly”*, a *“rising star”* and *“an able communicator and litigator for any size of case”*.

Many of his cases have a strong international element particularly in the Caribbean, the Channel Islands and the Middle East.

He is an experienced advocate and has appeared in a number of reported cases in the High Court (Chancery Division and Commercial Court) and in other jurisdictions and before arbitrators. He has appeared on his own account in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands and is one of the few juniors to appear before the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court of Bermuda in recent times.

### His recent cases include:

A DIAC arbitration in Dubai (2014) (significant contractual dispute concerning the world’s largest theme park), *In the Matter of a Trust* [2012] SC (Bermuda) 72 Civ (application of trust jurisdiction clauses), *IEGL v Zurich Insurance plc* [2013] EWCA Civ 39 (Court of Appeal, application of equitable contribution in EL insurance policy), *Television Autonómica Valenciana SA v Imagina* [2013] EWHC 160 (Ch) (concurrent proceedings in Spain and England over F1 licensing agreement, lis alibi pendens), *Arrow Group ApS v Gelmedic Holding ApS* [2013] EWHC 4586 (Ch) (limitation defence in respect of a “best endeavours” clause in an IP licensing contract) and *In the Matter of a Trust (Jersey)* [2013] (a complex £30m breach of trust claim).



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## Trusts, Tax, Probate and Estates

Nikki is recognised in the top band of *Chambers and Partners 2014* for his offshore practice, the majority of which concerns trusts and trusts litigation. He has acted in a number of high profile trust disputes, and has appeared in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands and before the Chief Justice of Bermuda. A substantial amount of his trusts practice is in the Channel Islands. He brings special value to this area of his practice with his additional expertise in commercial litigation and hostile litigation and witness actions.

### **His trusts cases include:**

- In the Matter of the Bilton Settlements [2014], ineffective retirement/appointment of trustees.
- In the Matter of a Trust [2012] SC (Bermuda) 72 Civ. Application of trust jurisdiction clauses.
- In the Matter of a Trust (Jersey) [2013]. A complex £30million breach of trust claim.
- *Jefcoate v Spread Trustees (Guernsey)* [2010]. Breach of trust proceedings against former trustee company in respect of investment policy.
- Re a firm of solicitors [2011]. Breach of trust/fraud proceedings against a firm of solicitors for conduct in relation to a very substantial estate, Beddoe relief.
- In the Matter of the Bamford family settlements (Bermuda). (Breach of trust proceedings).
- In the Matter of Sir Jack Hayward's Trusts (Bahamas). Retirement of trustee, terms of trustee retirement and indemnity.