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Qualifications and Appointments

- First Class Degree from Emmanuel College, Cambridge
- GDL, City University, 1st in year and awarded the 3 Verulam Buildings Prize
- Bar Professional Training Course, City University: graded "Outstanding"
- Visiting tutor, contract law and EU law, City University (2010-2011)
- Awarded the Lord Atkin Senior Scholarship by Gray's Inn (the Inn's highest award for students) as well as a Prince of Wales Scholarship and a David Karmel Award
- President, Cambridge Union (2004)
- Previously, worked as a presenter, investigative reporter and producer for the BBC's news and current affairs output. He is also a successful author.

"He is staggeringly clever"

Chambers & Partners, 2016

Memberships

- Association of Pension Lawyers
- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association

Publications

- Continental Drift: Challenges and Possible Solutions to Cross-Border Insolvency Issues Following Brexit (2016) co-author with Crispin Daly International Corporate Rescue Vol 13 – Issue 4

Practice Overview

Bobby is, as described in the legal directories, a *"rising star"* who is *"staggeringly clever"* and *"noted for his advocacy capabilities and the practical approach he takes to cases."*

He has a very busy practice across Chambers' core areas, in particular: pensions; trusts; general commercial disputes (domestic and international); civil fraud; company and insolvency; wills and probate; professional negligence; private client; commercial property; and partnership. He has also undertaken work in a number of offshore jurisdictions.

Bobby works well both as sole counsel and when being led as a junior. He frequently appears unled in the High Court, often against silks, in high-value and complicated matters, and has also acted in a junior in a number of difficult and high-profile disputes. Bobby recognises the importance of a detailed and analytical approach, and combines this with pragmatism and tenacity.

Bobby has been recognised in the legal directories for a number of years (unusually so for someone of his call). As Chambers & Partners notes, he is *"unafraid to make difficult calls and he portrays a confidence that belies his years"; is "very consistent and authoritative in his advice; and has a "tenacious advocacy style."*

Chambers & Partners has also reported that *"he takes a very thorough approach to matters and is a charming and friendly character."*

A snapshot of recent cases of note includes:

- Acting as sole counsel in a High Court claim worth £60 million.
- Being instructed as a junior in a two-week commercial expert determination.
- Bobby has particular expertise in pensions regulatory proceedings. He is acting for the targets defending a Warning Notice issued by the Pensions Regulator seeking a contribution notice; and has acted also for the targets in three very significant pensions moral hazard proceedings concerning the issuing of FSDs.



Practice Overview continued

- As sole counsel in the High Court, successfully obtaining worldwide freezing injunctions over more than £10m of assets and trustee appointments.
- A seven-week High Court pensions trial (as a junior) (*IBM v Dalgleish*).
- Acting as a junior in a High Court civil fraud and professional negligence claim worth over £50m.
- Successfully arguing in a High Court Part 8 claim for a novel construction of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 concerning a reduction of capital.
- As junior counsel, acting for the Pensions Regulator in the significant *Pollock v Reed* litigation.
- Acting for the company in the *Shannan v Viavi* High Court trial (as a junior).
- Acting as a junior in a significant claim concerning the distribution of assets on the insolvency of a bond provider.
- Acting as a junior in the High Court cases of *Pi v The Pensions Regulator and Ors* and *Dalriada v Nidd Vale Trustees Limited and Ors* determining whether a number of pension schemes were occupational pension schemes within the Pension Schemes Act 1993.
- A two-week probate trial in the High Court.
- Acting as a junior to Henry Legge QC in writing an expert report on English pensions law for the long-running Nortel litigation.
- Bobby is particularly noted for his experience with pensions liberation, where he has been involved in most of the significant cases in recent years.
- Bobby also frequently appears in a wide range of procedural hearings.



Commercial

Bobby is currently instructed in a number of significant commercial disputes, both as sole counsel and as a junior.

He has a broad practice encompassing most areas of business and commercial law, with particular experience and interest in civil fraud, general commercial disputes, and company and insolvency, as well as financial services disputes. He has also worked in numerous offshore jurisdictions and is happy to accept instructions globally. He is frequently called on to obtain or resist freezing injunctions.

Bobby is well-suited to the demands of commercial work, and combines intellectual rigour with the tenacity needed to deal with high-value and complex claims.

Recent matters of note include:

- Acting as sole counsel in a major High Court commercial dispute worth £60 million.
- Acting as a junior in a two-week expert determination concerning a commercial agreement.
- Acting for a FTSE 100 company in an expert determination concerning a significant dispute over a commercial agreement.
- Acting as a junior in a significant claim concerning the insolvency of a bond provider.
- Acting for a litigation funder seeking the variation of a freezing injunction.
- Acting for the claimants against a major high street bank in a misselling claim involving an interest rate hedging product.
- Successfully arguing in a High Court Part 8 claim for a novel construction of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 concerning a reduction of capital
- Acting for the claimant in a major breach of contract claim arising from a redevelopment.
- Acting as sole counsel for a major creditor of a company, appealing the liquidator's decision on its proof of debt.
- Acting for a director in the Isle of Man facing regulatory proceedings
- Acting for an introducer seeking payment of unpaid fees.
- Applying to set aside a statutory demand.
- Obtaining a freezing order against a fraudulent employee of a significant company.
- Successfully obtaining a freezing injunction in a claim for unjust enrichment and dishonest assistance and then successfully obtaining judgment in favour of the claimant.
- Advising a third party on the release of funds under a freezing injunction.
- Acting as sole counsel for a major financial organisation in a significant claim arising out of the construction of a facility agreement.
- Successfully seeking (as sole counsel) worldwide freezing injunctions against a number of parties in the High Court in respect of a number of instances of fraud.
- Acting for a trustee in a £50m High Court civil fraud claim (as a junior).
- Acting for a company seeking to enforce its charge against a fraudster in the context of the fraudster's divorce.
- Acting for a contractor in a major Middle Eastern dispute alleging fraud and bad faith.
- Acting for a businessman who is owed sums by a hedge fund manager pursuant to an advisory contract.
- Acting for a venture capital firm in respect of resisting a claim for payment by professional advisers.
- Successfully resisting an administration order in relation to contested debts to a firm of solicitors.



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- Successfully resisting the appointment of a liquidator.
- Frequent appearances in the bankruptcy courts and in the winding up court.
- Advising on arrest of an aircraft.
- Advising and drafting in respect of numerous commercial contracts.
- Appearing on summary judgment applications in respect of commercial contracts.
- Acting for a company in resisting claims for the payment of sums under a consultancy contract.
- Acting for a major bank in respect of claims arising from a contractual agreement.