



## Bobby Friedman

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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

## 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.



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## 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.

## International Arbitration

Bobby carries out both written and oral advocacy in relation to arbitrations and other out of court hearings. Although the details are confidential, the type of work Bobby has recently been involved in includes:

- Preparing statements of case
- Appearing in significant proceedings for a FTSE 100 company
- Assisting in helping to enforce a major arbitration award