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Qualifications and Appointments

- BA in Law with French, University of Kent
- Masters in Business Law (First Class), University of Bordeaux
- Gabriel sits on the Bar Standards Board Disciplinary Tribunal
- LLM International Commercial Law (Distinction) 2018

“Extremely hardworking”

The Legal 500

Memberships

- Commercial Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association

Practice Overview

Gabriel has experience in business and commercial, financial services and property disputes often involving fiduciary relationships with allegations of mis-selling, undue influence claims, and fraud. His experience spans cases involving collective investment schemes, claims involving "Ponzi" schemes, lifetime mortgages or equity release schemes and a range of commercial disputes involving guarantee claims, and contractual issues. His work often has international aspects, with an emphasis on Africa and the Caribbean.

Much of Gabriel's work cuts across traditionally defined disciplines. He combines intellectual rigour and attention to detail with a down-to-earth, common sense approach to litigation. As a result, Gabriel is often praised by clients, solicitors and judges for his ability to think outside the box.

Gabriel has been listed in The Legal 500 as a "**leading junior**" for his civil fraud practice, while The Lawyer magazine has referred to him as one of the "**stars of the Junior Bar**" for his real property work. The Legal 500, 2015 note that "**he has a strong track record in African and Caribbean related fraud cases.**"

While a fierce advocate in the courtroom, Gabriel is ever-conscious of the practical and commercial needs of his clients. He is regularly instructed to assist in mediations and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. In addition to advising and appearing as an advocate, Gabriel has been instructed as an expert on English Law and procedure in a dispute between members of an overseas royal family, and as Special Counsel by the indemnity insurer of well-known City-based solicitors investigating suspected fraud by a number of the partners. Gabriel has also sat on the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Bar Standards Board. Gabriel is fluent in French (with a Master's degree in Commercial Law from the University of Bordeaux). He has basic knowledge of Spanish. He has also worked for Simpson Grierson solicitors in New Zealand.



Commercial

Gabriel's commercial litigation practice varies from multi-million pound cases between large corporations to disputes between smaller companies, partnerships and individual traders.

Gabriel is frequently instructed to advise and represent clients in personal and corporate insolvency matters, and he regularly acts for company liquidators, administrators and trustees in bankruptcy.

Recent instructions include:

- Acting for the liquidator of an Isle of Man company run as a collective investment scheme (but wound up for fraud), in the recovery of assets.
- Advising the administrators of a hedge fund in a claim against a foreign bank for failure to honour a commitment to make a loan.
- Acting for various banks and lending institutions in enforcing guarantees and other securities.
- Advising on claims against independent financial advisers
- Advising a bridging finance company as to potential negligence claims against its former advisers (solicitors and valuers)
- Defending a director of a company where fellow directors had defrauded the company's bank through misuse of an invoice-discounting scheme.
- Acting for individuals accused of running a multi-million dollar 'ponzi' scheme
- Advising in an arbitration involving allegations of bribery in the procurement of government contracts in China
- Acting for the franchisee of a major UK car manufacturer, alleging wrongful termination of the dealership.
- Acting for an international automobile distributor in a dispute with a UK wholesaler over supplies of vehicles into the 'grey market', and in a dispute with a major UK bank over alleged improper payments under a standby letter of credit.
- Defending a major UK hotel group against a claim for an indemnity under a sale agreement, following a failed tax avoidance scheme.
- Acting (as part of a team of lawyers in the UK, Gibraltar and South Africa, led by Terence Mowschenson QC) for the defendant companies in claims to set aside a production sharing contract for the exploitation of oilfields in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Defending a financial adviser against claims of fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and negligence, concerning a series of joint ventures in the UK, US, India and the Caribbean
- Advising (as part of a team of lawyers in the UK and Spain) a former director of a FTSE 250 company over claims arising under a Share Sale Agreement.