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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.



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## Trusts, Tax, Probate and Estates

Gabriel advises and appears in court on a variety of contentious private client matters, from those involving relatively modest estates to multi-million pound offshore trusts.

### Recent instructions include:

- Assisting counsel in Anguilla with a claim in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court against an executor and trustee for wrongly registering estate land as the executor's own, on the grounds that she had been in adverse possession of the same.
- Assisting counsel in Anguilla with another claim in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court to remove the administrator of an estate, with associated proceedings for contempt of court against the administrator's solicitors for failing to comply with an undertaking that they would cease acting in circumstances where they had a conflict of interest.
- Acting in divorce proceedings in the High Court for third parties claiming to own the properties (valued in excess of £25m) that the wife alleged her husband owned.
- Defending an executor against allegations by beneficiaries that he acted in breach of duty by failing to convert and distribute trust assets shortly before the start of the global financial crisis.
- A claim by the widow in a polygamous marriage for a share in the UK matrimonial home.
- Defending a claim by the child of parents also in a polygamous marriage to a greater share in the UK family home.
- Various claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.