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Publications

- Contributor to *Company Directors Duties, Liabilities and Remedies* (Ed. Mortimore OUP).
- She is also currently involved in the new edition of *Shareholders' Agreements* (Thomson Reuters).

“Extremely impressive advocate” “a pleasure to work with – a class act”

Chambers & Partners, 2018

Practice Overview

Lexa Hilliard QC is a popular and well-respected silk who is recommended by the legal directories as a leading silk for commercial dispute resolution, commercial chancery, company, insolvency and professional negligence. Her expertise also covers arbitration, banking and finance as well as fraud. She regularly advises in connection with off-shore disputes in the Channel Islands, the Caribbean and the Isle of Man.

Clients note that she is: *“keenly commercial, incredibly passionate and works seamlessly with the team”* and that she has: *“hugely impressive advocacy skills and strategic input.”* She regularly handles high value, legally complex cases in both the domestic and international market, acting both as advocate and expert. She has particular experience of cross-border litigation, often involving an insolvency or civil fraud angle. Her ability to be *“highly inventive and always think of new ways to approach a case”* allied to her: *“no-nonsense approach”* ensure her success with judges and tribunals as well as clients.

“Handles complex matters with great skill”. “She has that ability to think about points that others wouldn’t and has special skill in making new law.” Chambers & Partners 2018

“Singled out for praise by Judges.” Legal 500 2018

“Excellent client skills, a pleasure to work with and is an extremely good advocate.” Chambers & Partners 2017

“Confident, extremely thorough, very easy to deal with, and someone with an incredibly high intellect.” “She’s got a great courtroom style – everything is very carefully thought through. She is also a lovely person to deal with.” Chambers & Partners, 2016

“Incisive, highly intelligent, practical” and *“a fantastic advocate.”* The Legal 500, 2016

She handles a wide range of substantial claims, especially those touching upon professional negligence, insolvency and company issues.

“Exceptional lawyer and a pleasure to work with.” Chambers & Partners 2018

“She has excellent attention to detail.” Legal 500 2018

“Her ability to get up to speed very quickly is very, very impressive.” Chambers & Partners 2017

“Her performance was excellent – she was really on top of all aspects of the case Her performance on paper and her delivery to the judge were excellent, and she was available night and day and at short notice.” Chambers & Partners, 2016



Practice Overview continued

Between 1990 and 2011, she practised from South Square. Prior to that she lectured in law at Durham University.

She regularly provides talks, podcasts and webinars and is on the Commercial Litigation Editorial Board of Lexis PSL.

Banking & Finance

Lexa's expertise in commercial and company litigation has increasingly led her into advising on banking and financial disputes. In particular, she receives instructions to advise in connection with complex banking and debt instruments.

Representative cases include:

- *Re LB Holdings Intermediate 2 Ltd* [2018] EWHC 2017 (Ch) application for joinder of parties in conjoined application for directions as to the proper construction of various subordination agreements between various Lehman entities.
- *Crouchland Biogas Limited* (2018) advising on various finance agreements between Crouchland and its lenders and deeds of assignment.
- *Re Petroplus Marketing AG* (2017) advising on construction of subordination deed in a dispute between Petroplus Marketing AG, Deutsche Bank Trust Company and Petroplus Refining Teeside Limited (settled).
- *Solo Capital Partners LLP* [2016] EWHC 3654 (Ch) application to place investment bank into administration pursuant to Investment Bank Special Administration Regulations 2011, issues concerning proceeds of crime and authority where no directors acting.
- *PDHL Limited* (2016): acting for PDHL's financier in connection with the consequences of the withdrawal by the FCA of PDHL's FSMA 2000 authorisation.
- *Banco BTG Pactual SA* (2015): instructed on behalf of the Bank to advise on the construction of a subordination clause in a bridging facility.
- *Glitnir Bank* (2012-2014): instructed on behalf of the Winding up Board of Glitnir Bank to provide expert opinions and advice on English law in connection with a number of different claims by creditors. Issues have included the construction of an ISDA agreements, a claim under a guarantee and the construction of loan notes.
- *Co-op Bank* (2012): instructed in relation to the drafting of a bank savings scheme which would survive insolvency.
- *Commerzbank v. Kaupthing Bank HF* (2011): instructed on behalf of Kaupthing Bank HF (in liquidation in Iceland) in connection with a claim arising out of an ISDA Master Agreement and rights of set-off.