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Qualifications and Appointments

- LLB (First Class Honours)
- Bencher Gray's Inn
- Deputy Judge (Chancery Division)

Memberships

- Commercial Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association
- Criminal Bar Association

“The best cross-examiner I have ever seen, destroyed the other side’s witnesses and had the judge eating out of his hand.”

The Legal 500 2020

Practice Overview

Ian has a varied and diverse practice in the UK and abroad. The focus is on seeking to achieve the client's required result without going to court however, if that is not possible Ian's particular strength is as an advocate with extensive trial experience.

He has been involved in many large-scale and high-profile professional liability cases involving claims against solicitors, accountants, stockbrokers, civil engineers and management consultants. In addition, he is regularly engaged in commercial disputes involving not only the due performance of obligations but also those where fraud is a component.

As has been the case for many years the Chambers & Partners guide gives a useful indication of the nature of his work. For 2020 it says:

"An absolute genius. He loves court work and is brilliant at it, tactics are always spot-on. Just a really, really good cross-examiner."

"He is very experienced and is quick at identifying the key points in a case."

"A terrific courtroom presence and the man to instruct if you want a 'big beast' of an advocate."

"An excellent advocate, very capable. A great courtroom lawyer."

"An excellent cross-examiner and an absolutely fearless advocate who can strike fear into the other side."

"He's always incredibly well prepared."

"Always incredibly well prepared and good at keeping the confidence of the court, he has an answer to every question they ask of him."

"Ian's a real student of advocacy and a tactical thinker."

The Legal 500 2019 adds:

"He is clever, fearless and has a highly strategic mind."



Commercial

In both the Chancery Division and Commercial Court he appears regularly in connection with commercial disputes.

Recent cases have included:

- *Estera Trust (Jersey) Ltd and Herinder Singh v Edwardian Group Ltd* (ongoing). Shareholders' 'unfair prejudice' proceedings concerning a large company and involving numerous issues including the effect of delay in bringing such proceedings, the valuation of a substantial portfolio of commercial properties (hotels) and the complexities of valuation of shares in a private company.
- *Instant Access Properties Ltd v Rosser and others* (2016–2017). Acting for a large London law firm alleged to have become involved in a fraudulent overseas property scheme.
- *Worthing Properties Ltd v Sterling Macro Fund* (2016–2017). A dispute about the ownership of a Cayman Island 'hedge fund'.
- *Swiss Life v Kraus* (2014). Acting for an insurer seeking to enforce the Judgments of a New York Court given in respect of litigation involving allegedly fraudulent selling of and claims under endowment policies sold in the USA.
- *Singh v Singh* (2012–2014). Defending a successful business man in respect of a claim by his father that property derived from a very large business empire was held by the defendant on constructive trust for the male members of his family in accordance with the Mitakshara and the principles of Joint Hindu Property.
- *Scottish & Newcastle & ors v. Lewis Baling Services & ors.* (2010–2011). Defending the UK subsidiary of a multinational metal reclamation business in respect of claims brought by the largest UK brewers alleging conspiracy to convert stainless steel beer kegs with pleaded losses in excess of £90m.
- *Excalibur Ventures LLC v Texas Keystone Inc. and Gulf Keystone Petroleum Ltd* (2014). Acting for commercial litigation funders in respect of claims made by successful litigants that the funders should be required to pay very substantial sums in respect of costs.
- *Barr v Biffa* (2009 – 2014). Acting for landfill operator at trial, Court of appeal and retrial in respect of 'class action' claims arising from odour emanating from a landfill site.
- *Vitol SA v Delta Petroleum* (2009)
- *Islamic Investment Co. of the Gulf v Symphony Gems and others* (2009)
- *Barr v Biffa Waste Services Ltd* (2009)
- *Reid v. Capita plc and others* (2008)
- *Fulham Leisure Holdings v Nicholson Graham & Jones* (2008)

Regulatory & Associated Public Law

Ian has extensive experience of appearing before the Queens' Bench Divisional Court and the Administrative Court. His breadth of experience also includes directors disqualification experience and professional regulatory tribunals (solicitors and accountants). The years 2007/2008 saw him acting for the Ritz Hotel in the inquests into the deaths of HRH Princess of Wales and Mr Dodi al Fayed.