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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).

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Chambers & Partners, 2020

“She is an impressive silk.”

The Legal 500, 2020

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.

Recent directory quotes include:

“She is exceptionally bright and there is nothing that she doesn't know just off the top of her head.” Chambers & Partners 2020

“Her approach is refreshingly considered and measured, and she is also very strategic and robust.” Chambers & Partners 2020

“She very hands-on and passionate about her clients' cases, and is a very reliable and user-friendly silk to work with.” Chambers & Partners 2020

“Her sheer depth of experience means she has seen and done virtually everything, either here or overseas.” Legal 500 2020

“She is very effective even when under extreme pressure.” Legal 500 2020

“Really distinguishes herself with her paperwork and seems to have a real knack for anticipating points that judges are going to raise.” Chambers & Partners 2019

“Very proactive and goes the extra yard to come up with suggestions that we haven't thought about. She offers incredible value and insight.” Chambers & Partners 2019

“She wins a case before you've set foot in the court room.” Legal 500 2019

“Incredibly impressive; very clear and concise and extremely quick to grasp the issues.” Legal 500 2019



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.

Company

Lexa is recommended by both Chambers UK and Legal 500 in this practice area.

Her practice extends to all aspects of company law including directors' duties, technical company law points and shareholder disputes.

She is a contributor to "Company Directors, Duties, Liabilities and Remedies" (OUP 3rd Ed Mortimore).

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Representative cases include:

- **Re SEL Limited** (2018): advising a large privately owned company re: dividends and other matters.
- **SS Agri Power Ltd** [2017] EWHC 241 (Ch) & [2017] EWHC 3563 (Ch): resisting application for to restrain appointment of receiver over company and subsequently resisting objection to appointment of administrators on grounds of perceived bias.
- **In re LBGP No 1 Ltd** [2017] EWHC 864 (Ch) applications to resolve various issues in relation to the general partner of various limited partnerships in Lehman Group.
- **Guralp Holdings & Ors v Guralp & Ors** (2017) – claim for fraud and breach of fiduciary duty against directors arising out of alleged bribery of overseas agent.
- **Lime Petroleum Plc** ORD 16/001 Isle of Man, acting for the successful company and targeted directors in the first reported case under s.175 of the Isle of Man Companies Act 2006 in a hard fought application by a minority shareholder to bring a derivative action against the directors.
- **Re B Limited**: (2016) acting for the Company in action against the director for breach of fiduciary duty and conspiracy.
- **Re Burry & Knight Ltd** [2014] 1 WLR 4046 instructed on behalf of a shareholder in the Court of Appeal on the construction of new provisions of the Companies Act 2006, access to information and right to inspect and take copies of the register of members.