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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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The Legal 500 2022

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.

Chambers and Partners 2022 describes Lexa as *“fantastic and just so easy to work with. Lexa is a great advocate, who has the ear of the court. She is down to earth and matter of fact.”* and commenting that *“She is extremely user-friendly, approaches things in a clear and pragmatic way, and through her seniority and experience she has a very good understanding of how judges think.”* *“She always provides a top service and puts her clients as a priority.”* While The Legal 500 2022 calls her *“A rare find in that she combines academic rigour with commercial acumen and excellent advocacy skills.”* *“A genuine pleasure to work with. Lexa’s knowledge is wide-ranging and her experience and confidence combine to have a calming effect on a case”* and *“always happy to roll up her sleeves and work with instructing solicitors and able to give excellent legal guidance.”*

Previous directory quotes include:

“Incredibly intelligent and very commercial.” *“Her reputation is truly fantastic. She’s a brilliant practitioner for any insolvency or restructuring matter and has such a loyal following. Judges really listen to her.”* (Chambers and Partners 2021)

“[She has a] deep-rooted knowledge of banking and finance – has a vast amount of experience in this area and is able to advise on very complex arrangements with clarity and precision.” *“She makes herself available and is tireless when dealing with a case – she really throws herself into the case and is a critical member of the team.”* (The Legal 500 2021)

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 The 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).

"A barrister of significant experience and great judgement." Chambers and Partners 2022

"Lexa is a delight to work with. She's energetic and works very well with instructing solicitors." Chambers and Partners 2021

"Bright and on the money." The Legal 500 2021

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) acted 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.