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### Qualifications and Appointments

- Studied Law at Brasenose College, Oxford and graduated in 2012 with a first class degree.
- Awarded the Wronker Law Prize for the placing joint first in the university.
- Completed the BCL (distinction) and the BPTC (outstanding).
- Lord Denning scholar of Lincoln's Inn.

## Publications

- [Property Update \(2017\) Issue 3 \(Editor\)](#)
- ['Changes to section 21 notices: the Deregulation Act 2015' \(2016\)](#)  
*Wilberforce Property Update* (Issue 2) April 2016

## Practice Overview

Tim has a very busy commercial chancery practice focussing on civil fraud (with extensive experience of freezing injunctions and other forms of interim relief), company and insolvency work, commercial trusts and pensions litigation. He appears frequently in both the Commercial Court and in the Chancery Division, both led and unled.

### Notable recent work includes:

- Acting to enter a US\$17 million judgment in *Bostani v Pieper* [2019] 4 WLR 44, as part of an enforcement exercise that involved obtaining freezing injunctions and Norwich Pharmacal relief in various jurisdictions, including England, Anguilla and the BVI.
- Acting to resist an application to discharge receivers appointed by way of equitable execution in *JSC VTB Bank v Skurikhin* [2019] EWHC 1407 (Comm).
- Appearing in *KeyMed (Medical & Industrial Equipment) Limited v Hillman* [2019] EWHC 485 (Ch), a £50 million claim for breach of directors' duties relating to the administration of a pension scheme.
- Appearing for the trustee in *Granada UK Rental and Retail Ltd v Pensions Regulator* [2018] UKUT 164 (TCC), the first reference to the Upper Tribunal of a determination to issue a financial support direction.
- Instructed as sole counsel in a £1 million claim for breach of contract relating to the development of a video game.
- Instructed in an ongoing £5 million claim for breach of directors' duties and unlawful means conspiracy against the former director of a property development company.
- Appearing as sole counsel to obtain an injunction restraining the misuse of confidential information and breach of restrictive covenants.
- Acting as sole counsel in relation to a claim for the possession of 171 pieces of high value artwork.
- Acting to discharge receivers appointed over a solvent company for breach of the duty of full and frank disclosure in *Cooke v Parker* [2017] EWHC 1028 (Ch).
- Instructed in a number of ongoing high value pension rectification proceedings.
- Instructed in ongoing proceedings in the Turks and Caicos Islands to recover €35 million of assets dissipated in breach of fiduciary duty.
- Acting in relation to numerous interim applications including freezing injunctions, applications for Norwich Pharmacal and Bankers Trust relief, applications for security for costs and application for service out of the jurisdiction.

Prior to joining Wilberforce, Tim studied Law at Brasenose College, Oxford, and graduated with a first class degree. He was awarded the Wronker Law Prize for placing joint first in the university. He went on to obtain a distinction in the BCL.



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## Insolvency

Tim has a busy and diverse insolvency practice. He frequently acts for office holders, directors, creditors and insolvent companies.

### **Recent notable instructions include:**

- Acting as sole counsel in misfeasance and wrongful trading claims brought by a liquidator.
- Appearing on behalf of administrators to terminate an administration and seek ancillary relief.
- Acting as sole counsel in an application for an injunction to restrain the presentation of a winding up petition based on a claimed debt of £1 million.
- Appearing in an application under s.366 of the Insolvency Act.
- Acting as sole counsel on behalf of creditors to oppose an administration application.
- Acting on behalf of a trustee in bankruptcy to bring a claim for US\$25 million.
- Advising the directors of a company in administration.
- Acting to discharge receivers appointed over a solvent company for breach of the duty of full and frank disclosure in *Cooke v Parker* [2017] EWHC 1028 (Ch).
- Appearing in numerous winding up and bankruptcy petitions and related applications.