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Qualifications and Appointments

- MA(Hons), Jurisprudence, Oxford University
- Bar Vocational Course, BPP Law School, London
- Levitt and Hardwicke Scholar of Lincoln's Inn

“Exceptionally bright and able to focus laserlike on difficult legal or factual issues...”

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- COMBAR
- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association

Practice Overview

Anna has a commercial chancery practice with a particular focus on civil fraud and insolvency disputes. She is recommended as a leading junior in her field in Chambers & Partners in which she is described as a *“talented junior”* with clients praising her *“no nonsense”* approach (Chambers & Partners 2018: Commercial Chancery). As well as being instructed as a junior to leading counsel, Anna regularly appears as sole counsel on interim applications (including freezing and ancillary orders) and trials. She also has substantial experience in dealing with cases involving conflict of laws and jurisdictional issues.

Anna undertakes work both in London and offshore and has recently acted in cases in the Isle of Man and the Caribbean.

Recent cases in which she has been instructed include:

- *JSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov*: a series of multi-billion dollar fraud claims in the Commercial Court and Chancery Division
- *Weaving Macro Fixed Income Fund Limited (in liquidation) v Ernst v Young*: A claim against a Cayman fund's auditors arising out of the large scale fraud of the fund's founder, Magnus Peterson
- *AK Investment v Kyrgyz Mobil Tel Ltd* (the *“Bitel litigation”*): the largest case to have been litigated in the Isle of Man, involving allegations of fraudulent misappropriation in relation to a Kyrgyz telecoms operator



Commercial

Anna acts in a variety of commercial disputes and has particular experience of cases involving allegations of fraud and asset preservation/disclosure (including onshore and offshore trusts structures). She regularly acts in cases involving the application of foreign law, conflict of laws and jurisdictional issues.

She has been instructed as junior counsel in several ongoing and high profile disputes, both in London and offshore, including:

- *JSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov*, multi-billion dollar claims in the Chancery Division and Commercial Court by a Kazakh bank against its former chairman for misappropriation of funds.
- *Weaving Macro Fixed Income Fund Limited (in liquidation) v Ernst v Young*, a claim in the Grand Court in Cayman by the liquidators of a Cayman fund (which collapsed in 2009 following a major fraud by its founder) against its former auditors, Ernst & Young.
- *AK Investment v Kyrgyz Mobil Tel Ltd* (the "Bitel litigation"), a long running dispute in the High Court of the Isle of Man between two large Russian telecommunication conglomerates in relation to the ownership and control of what was formerly Kyrgyzstan's largest mobile telecoms operator, Bitel.

Anna has substantial experience, both acting as junior to leading counsel and as sole counsel, in obtaining and resisting various forms of interim relief, including:

- Norwich Pharmacal/third party disclosure orders
- Freezing and ancillary disclosure orders
- Search orders
- Summary judgment/strike out applications

Company

Anna undertakes a wide range of work in company and insolvency, including:

- Actions brought pursuant to the Insolvency Act 1980 by and against insolvency office holders, including wrongful/fraudulent trading and antecedent transaction claims
- Issues arising in company liquidation, administration and bankruptcy
- Restraining presentation and rescinding winding up orders
- Advising on share purchase agreements/disputes
- Shareholder disputes
- Actions against company directors

Anna recently acted for the liquidators of the Weaving Macro Fixed Income Fund in their claim against the fund's auditors, following the large scale fraud by the fund's founder, Magnus Peterson.

She is also recently acted for the liquidators of an English company in their wrongful trading claim against the company's former directors.

Offshore

A significant amount of Anna's practice involves litigation in offshore jurisdictions, including in the Caribbean, Isle of Man and Channel Islands.

She has recently acted in two large scale offshore cases:

- *Weaving Macro Fixed Income Fund v EY*: a claim brought by the liquidators of a Cayman hedge fund which collapsed due to the multi-million dollar fraud of its founder, Magnus Peterson against the fund's auditors (led by James Thom QC).
- *AK Investment v Kyrgyz Mobil Tel Ltd* (the "Bitel litigation"): the largest case to have been litigated in the Isle of Man, involving allegations of fraudulent misappropriation in relation to a Kyrgyz telecoms operator (led by Stephen Phillips QC (as he then was), David Head QC and Stephen Smith QC)