



## Anna Littler

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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...”**

Chambers & Partners, 2018

### 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 trials and interim applications (including freezing and ancillary orders). She also has substantial experience in dealing with cases involving conflict of laws and jurisdictional issues.

Anna undertakes work both in England & Wales and offshore and has recently acted in cases in Bermuda, the Isle of Man and the Caribbean.

### Commercial and Civil Fraud

Anna is recognised as a leading junior in the field of Commercial Chancery in the 2018 edition of *Chambers and Partners*.

She acts in a variety of commercial disputes and has particular experience of cases involving allegations of fraud and asset preservation/disclosure (including relating to offshore trusts structures). She often acts on document-heavy cases involving significant disclosure exercises and related interim applications.

Anna has particular 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 (including against third parties)
- Summary judgment/strike out applications
- Committal proceedings brought on the basis of allegations of contempt of court



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## Commercial and Civil Fraud continued

She has experience in acting in large-scale and long running commercial cases, including acting for the claimant bank in the high profile *Ablyazov* litigation: multi-billion dollar claims in the Chancery Division and Commercial Court by a Kazakh bank against its former chairman for misappropriation of funds, involving multiple freezing, search and ancillary orders.

She also acted for the defendants to counterclaim in *AK Investment v Kyrgyz Mobil Tel Limited* which related to the alleged fraudulent misappropriation of a mobile telecommunications operator in Kyrgyzstan and which involved allegations of corruption against foreign courts and raised issues of jurisdiction and conflict of laws and the recognition of foreign judgments.

She has recently acted for the liquidators of the *Weaving Macro Fixed Income Fund Limited* in their claim in the Grand Court in Cayman against the former auditors of a Cayman hedge fund which collapsed in 2009 following a major fraud by its founder.

Further examples of her recent work include:

- acting as sole counsel for a technology company in its claim against its former finance officer for the fraudulent misappropriation of funds. Anna successfully obtained freezing and disclosure orders against the defendant and the case settled before trial.
- acting as sole counsel for an individual defrauded through a bogus wine investment scheme and successfully obtaining freezing and disclosure orders.
- acting as sole counsel for a technology company, successfully defending a contractual claim brought against it by a former consultant
- acting as sole counsel for a luxury car company, defending a claim brought against it alleging breach of contract
- acting in committal proceedings brought on the basis of allegations of contempt of court for failing to comply with an order for disclosure of information/assets
- acting to resist the appointment of a receiver in proceedings in which freezing relief had been granted

## Company and Insolvency

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

- bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings (including jurisdictional and service issues)
- shareholder disputes (including s.994 petitions)
- actions against directors for breach of duty by companies/liquidators
- antecedent transactions
- wrongful/fraudulent trading

Her recent work includes:

- acting for the liquidators of a Caymanian hedge fund in their claim against its former auditors
- acting for the liquidators of an English company in their claims relating to antecedent transactions and wrongful trading against the company's former directors.
- acting as sole counsel for a minority shareholder pursuing a claim under s.994 of the Companies Act 2006 for unfair prejudice in which it is alleged that the business and assets of the company have been unfairly diverted/transferred out of the company by the majority shareholders/directors
- acting as sole counsel for the liquidators of a company pursuing an action against its former directors in relation to an alleged fraud perpetrated against a third party through the company

She is also a contributor to the 2018 edition of *Kerr & Hunter, Receivers and Administrators* (Sweet & Maxwell).



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## Offshore

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

She is currently acting in high value trusts litigation in the Bermudian courts (led by Brian Green QC), involving issues of both company and trusts law.

She has recently acted in the Grand Court of Cayman in a claim brought by the liquidators of the *Weaving Macro Fixed Income Fund*, a Cayman hedge fund which collapsed due to the multi-million dollar fraud of its founder, Magnus Peterson, against the fund's auditors.

She also acted in the largest case ever to have been litigated in the Isle of Man, *AK Investment v Kyrgyz Mobil Tel Ltd* (the "Bitel litigation"), a case involving allegations of fraudulent misappropriation in relation to a Kyrgyz telecoms operator.