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Qualifications and Appointments

- BPTC (BPP London) – Outstanding
- GDL (BPP London) – Distinction
- BSc Politics (University of Bristol)
- Exhibition Scholarships for BPTC and GDL – Inner Temple
- Attorney General's C Panel of Civil Counsel

“Amazing on her feet and very good with clients.”

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Awards

- Award for outstanding performance on the BPTC – Inner Temple
- First prize, Individual Mediator – International Academy of Dispute Resolution International Law School Mediation Tournament 2012, Chicago
- First prize, Individual Mediator and first prize, Mediation Team – UK Law Schools Mediation Competition 2012

Practice Overview

Sri specialises in commercial litigation, insolvency, civil fraud and company law. She is recommended as a leading junior for commercial litigation and insolvency in the legal directories, which describe her as *“amazing on her feet”* and *“a very good advocate”* who is *“great to have on your team and well-liked by clients”*.

Sri's practice focuses on claims concerning wrongdoing by directors and other fiduciaries, as well as shareholder, joint venture and contractual disputes and applications on behalf of officeholders and creditors. She is frequently instructed on complex commercial fraud cases due to her technical expertise in company law and insolvency.

Sri is an experienced trial advocate and has appeared both as sole counsel and with a leader in high value Commercial Court, Chancery Division and arbitral matters. She has succeeded in a number of claims that have required her to undertake extensive cross-examination in respect of allegations of fraud and dishonesty.

Sri was appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel in March 2019 in recognition of the strength of her advocacy. As a specialist panel member, she acts for the Government in large-scale contractual disputes and insolvency matters.

Recent work includes:

- Acting for a Seychelles company in proceedings in the English Courts seeking to recover control over Bitcoin and other digital assets worth in the region of £4 billion (led by [John Wardell QC](#) and [Bobby Friedman](#)). [2022] EWHC 2 (Ch); [2022] EWHC 141 (Ch); [2022] EWHC 667 (Ch)
- Acting for the manager of a Cayman Islands investment fund in a multi-million dollar three-week fraud trial in the Commercial Court against the fund's former investment advisers: [2022] EWHC 357 (Comm)
- Acting in an £80 million dispute arising out of the much publicised liquidation of public sector contractor Carillion.
- Advising minority shareholders in respect of two related unfair prejudice petitions concerning global mining companies.
- Acting for liquidators in a misfeasance/transaction at an undervalue application against a former director in relation to payment of unlawful dividends.
- Advising a creditor in relation to an application to challenge an IVA on the grounds of unfair prejudice and material irregularity.
- Acting for a US-based oil company in an LCIA arbitration of a contractual dispute arising out of a joint venture relating to oil and gas fields in Egypt.
- Acting for the petitioner in the trial of an unfair prejudice petition concerning the fraudulent diversion of a multi-million pound care home business.
- Acting for a company in liquidation in an eight-day trial of a breach of duty claim against its former de facto directors.

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- Insolvency Lawyers Association
- INSOL International
- R3
- YFLA
- IWIRC



Civil Fraud

Sri has acted in substantial commercial fraud claims, including conspiracy claims. She has considerable experience cross-examining on allegations of fraud and dishonesty and is frequently instructed in disputes with a company law or insolvency angle due to her cross-discipline expertise.

Recent work includes:

- *Floreat Investment Management Limited v Churchill & Ors* [2022] EWHC 357 (Comm): Acting for the manager of a Cayman Islands investment fund in a multi-million dollar three-week fraud trial in the Commercial Court against the fund's former investment advisers.
- *MDS Accident Repair Centre Limited (in liquidation) v Dudey & Ors*: Acting for the claimant in an eight-day trial of a breach of duty/knowing receipt claim in which it was alleged that the company's de facto directors had diverted the company's funds to their own corporate entities. Sri undertook multiple days of cross-examination on allegations of fraud and dishonesty which led to a favourable settlement for the claimant on the penultimate day of trial.
- *Harry v Harry & Salisbury Autistic Care Limited*: Succeeded in the trial of a shareholders' dispute in the Companies Court between two brothers concerning the fraudulent diversion of a multi-million pound care home business.
- Defending former consultants to the commercial arm of a leading university who were alleged to have misappropriated confidential information worth millions of pounds in respect of computer gaming programmes developed for the military and police.
- Acting for a US-based shareholder of a technology company operating from the Ukraine in a dispute concerning apparently fraudulent conduct by the company's other shareholders.
- Acting for a private bank and its directors in a multi-million pound commercial fraud claim concerning misappropriation of confidential information and a maturing investment opportunity.
- Acting for a renewable energy company in a claim against a former director for diverting business opportunities.
- Defending former employees of a Norwegian media firm against allegations of breach of duty, breach of confidence, knowing receipt and conspiracy in a claim that raised conflict of laws issues. Settled by way of mediation after Sri successfully resisted an application for a springboard injunction.
- Acting for a Cayman-registered investment manager in a claim against former investment advisers for fraudulent misappropriation of funds from a Cayman-registered investment fund.