

## Dominic Chambers QC

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Dominic has a very strong commercial law background having joined Maitland Chambers in 2002, and before that having practised at leading commercial chambers in the Temple.

He specialises in international and domestic commercial and Chancery litigation and arbitration, with particular emphasis on banking, insolvency, company law (in particular shareholder and directors' disputes and corporate reorganisations), civil fraud, heavy contractual disputes, asset tracing, private international law and conflict of laws, energy law, restitution, partnership disputes, agency, entertainment law, and insurance/reinsurance. Dominic appears regularly in the Commercial Court, the Chancery Division and the appellate courts, both in the UK and overseas.

Dominic also specialises in handling cases concerning corruption in projects financed by International Financing Institutions (IFIs) and International Development Agencies (IDAs), and he has considerable experience in dealing with the relevant departments of, and individuals at, the leading IFIs and IDAs (including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank) in relation to corruption and other financial irregularities, including their respective sanctions regimes. He has an extensive international banking practice.

He works for most of the major City law firms, and also for international firms (mainly from the USA, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands and other offshore jurisdictions). He is called to the Bar of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Virgin Islands), and to the Bar of the Isle of Man (ad hoc). Dominic is also registered to practise with full rights of audience in the Courts of the Dubai International Financial Centre.

Dominic also appeared for one of the two successful Claimants in the Supreme Court in the landmark Article 50 Brexit litigation in 2018 which is generally regarded as one of the most important legal cases ever to have been heard by the English Courts.

Dominic has for many years been recommended as a leading practitioner in the fields of Commercial Dispute Resolution, banking, off-shore and professional negligence in the *Chambers UK Bar Guide* and *The Legal 500*. He is a member of COMBAR and of the London Court of International Arbitration, and appears in arbitrations both as counsel and as arbitrator. Dominic also specialises in ICSID arbitrations and acts for both States and investors.

Notable cases include *Kazakhstan Kagazy JSC v Zhunus* [2020] EWHC 128 (Comm) (enforcement of judgments, trusts), *Lyons v Fox Williams LLP* [2019] PNLR 9 (Court of Appeal) (solicitors' negligence and insurance agreements), *JSC BTA Bank v Turkiye Vakiflar Bahasi TAO* [2018] EWHC 835 (Comm) (conflict of laws), *Exportadora de Sal SA de CV v Corretaje Maritimo Su-Americano Inc* [2018] EWHC 224 (Comm) (arbitration challenge and jurisdiction), acting for one of the two successful claimants in the landmark Brexit Article 50 litigation *R (Miller & Santos) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union* [2017] 1 All ER 158 (Divisional Court), and [2018] AC 61 (Supreme Court, sitting en banc for the first time), acting for shareholders in the SAB Miller/Anheuser-Busch merger, the largest corporate take-over in UK history [2017] 2 WLR

837, acting for the successful Credit Suisse defendants in the recent *Fairfield Sentry litigation* (multi-billion dollar litigation relating to the Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme), *Slocom Trading Ltd v Sibir Energy* (multi-million Euro dispute involving Russian oligarchs and various loan and security agreements), *Stornoway Ltd v SIV Portfolio plc* (securitisation and insolvency), *Du Preez v Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander* (trusts, banking and restitution in connection with the collapse of Kaupthing), *Van Delfsen v Caversham Trustees* (trusts and commercial dispute in Royal Court of Jersey), *In re Charlbury Investments* (financial and banking dispute in Royal Court of Guernsey), *Cleverly v Family Finance Ltd.* (sale of goods and consumer credit), *Belletti v Morici* (freezing injunctions), *Universal Studios Inc v Flextech Rights Ltd.* (television licensing agreements); *Riyad Bank v Ahli United Bank* (banking, duty of care, leasing agreements); *WPP Group v Benatti* (conflict of laws, jurisdiction disputes), *OT Computers v FNTF* (trusts of customers' monies on collapse of Tiny Computers), *Leonardo Private Equity Fund Ltd v Loscalzo* (fraudulent misrepresentation and private equity funding), *Tamarind International v Eastern Natural Gas* (Commercial Agents Regulations), *National Westminster Bank plc v Somer* (restitution/banking), *White Sea & Onega Shipping v ITWF* (interim injunctions and conflict of laws), *Heaton v Axa Equity & Law* (settlement agreements) and *R v Securities and Futures Authority, ex parte Fleurose* (financial services/human rights).

Current and recent cases include acting for international trusts in a large tracing claim by Kazakh claimants, acting for claimants in interest rate swaps litigation against various banks; acting for shareholders in a major dispute with directors in two well-known multi-national corporations, acting for a well-known script writer in dispute with a broadcasting company in relation to commissioning production agreements; acting for clients being investigated by the SFO; acting for the claimant in a US Arbitration concerning breaches of a Licensing and Representation Agreement concerning software and television streaming rights; acting for a Kazakh bank in a multi-million dollar dispute with a Turkish bank; acting for directors accused of breach of fiduciary and statutory duties in the Middle East, advising a syndicate of banks in relation to a multi-billion dollar Eurobond dispute, and advising offshore companies in relation to disputes in connection with reinsurance treaties.

The clerks are happy to discuss the basis on which Dominic will act in any given matter. In the absence of express written agreement otherwise, the terms under which Dominic accepts instructions are The Standard Contractual Terms for the Supply of Legal Services By Barristers to Authorised Persons 2012 (as updated from time to time) referred to in the BSB Handbook.



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### Recommendations

#### Chambers UK

#### Commercial Dispute Resolution

"Gets to the point quickly and is a pleasure to deal with." "He thinks about his cases very hard and fights for his clients." (2021)

"Dominic has a first-rate eye for detail, but he keeps the big picture in mind." (2020)

"A superb advocate who's utterly robust, crystal clear in his advice and utterly persuasive." (2019)

"He has a brilliant and flexible brain and is effective in all jurisdictions." (2018)