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Since joining chambers in October 2014 Laurie has developed a busy practice across a range of chambers' areas of expertise, including commercial, chancery, real estate, company and insolvency matters. Laurie regularly appears unled in the County Court and in High Court applications, as well as assisting more senior members of chambers on larger cases.

Recent work includes:

Banking and Financial Services

Laurie has been, and remains, instructed in a number of claims involving, and has particular expertise in relation to, allegations of derivative mis-selling and LIBOR manipulation:

Property Alliance Group v Royal Bank of Scotland Plc: Acted for the successful Defendant, the Royal Bank of Scotland (with Richard Handyside QC, Paul Sinclair and Adam Sher) in this landmark £30 million claim based on allegations of derivative mis-selling, unfair practice in RBS's Global Restructuring Group and LIBOR Manipulation. The LIBOR Manipulation claim was the first of its kind to have reached trial before the English Courts and the case was one of the Lawyer's Top 20 Cases of 2016.

Following a ten week trial (May-July 2016), judgment was handed down in December 2016 ([2016] EWHC 3342) dismissing all of the Claimant's claims. Laurie was also instructed (with Richard Handyside QC and Adam Sher) on the 7-day appeal heard between January-February 2018, which was unanimously dismissed ([2018] EWCA Civ 355).

Stuart Wall v Royal Bank of Scotland Plc: Acted for the Royal Bank of Scotland (with Andrew Mitchell QC, Jeremy Goldring QC, Tamara Oppenheimer, James Cutress and Adam Sher) in a multi-million pound claim based on the alleged mis-selling of an interest rate swap in the context of a securitisation. The case also involved allegations relating to RBS's Global Restructuring Group and LIBOR manipulation. The case was one of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2017 and settled shortly before a 12-week trial.

Basalt Holdings Ltd & another v Royal Bank of Scotland Plc: Acted for the Royal Bank of Scotland (with James Cutress) in a multi-million pound claim based on alleged derivative mis-selling and LIBOR manipulation.

London Bridge Holdings Ltd & ors v Royal Bank of Scotland Plc: Acting for the Royal Bank of Scotland (with Adrian Beltrami QC and James Cutress) in a £450 million claim based solely on allegations of LIBOR manipulation.

TP Properties LP v (1) National Westminster Bank Plc (2) Natwest Markets Plc: Acted for the Defendants (with Paul Sinclair QC) in a multi-million pound claim based on alleged derivative mis-selling. The case settled shortly before trial.

London Executive Aviation v Royal Bank of Scotland Plc: Acted for the Royal Bank of Scotland (with Paul Sinclair QC) at an interlocutory stage in a multi-million pound claim based on alleged derivative mis-selling, including successfully resisting an application by the Claimant for expert evidence ([2017] EWHC 1037 (Ch)).

Royal Bank of Scotland Plc v Cooke, Young & Keidan LLP: Acted for the Royal Bank of Scotland (with Patrick Goodall QC and Adam Sher) in urgent injunctive proceedings against the solicitors for Property Alliance Group (see case above) concerning the obligations on law firms to protect confidential information held by an employee of that firm as the result of his prior employment.

Laurie also recently acted (with Catherine Newman QC and Alec McCluskey) for the Claimants in *Red Kite Management Limited & Ors v Barclays Bank Plc*, a multi-hundred million pound claim based on alleged mis-use of confidential information (and market manipulation) in the context of London Metal Exchange copper trading.

Commercial Chancery Disputes

Advised two individual Defendants on jurisdictional issues relating to service of the Claim Form in a claim for damages estimated at £150-175 million.

Advised (with Christopher Pymont QC and Siward Atkins) a car dealership on agency issues and equitable remedies arising out of the sale of a number of classic cars.

Acting (with Thomas Grant QC) for a mortgage company in its claim relating to the enforceability of an assigned mortgage portfolio.

Company

Acting (with Andrew Ayres QC) in unfair prejudice proceedings relating to a group of companies making up an international luxury fashion brand.

Acted (with Mark Cunningham QC) in unfair prejudice/partnership proceedings in Gibraltar relating to two Gibraltar companies.

Acted (led by Andrew Walker QC) for the Defendant in the trial of a claim and counterclaim relating to the ownership and control of two companies.

Advising an incorporated charity in relation to rectification of its register of members.

Property

Acted (with John McGhee QC) for a developer in relation to a trial of the quantum of “negotiation” damages owed to the Claimant developer following breach of an overage agreement.

Acting (with John McGhee) for a developer in a dispute relating to the lease of a dock.

Acting (with John McGhee QC) for a developer in an expert determination relating to the interpretation of an option agreement.

Acted (with Thomas Grant QC) for a real estate business in an expert determination relating to contractual interpretation and estoppel.

Media and Entertainment

Acting for former member of the Sex Pistols in claim brought by another former member.

Laurie read Classics at Girton College, Cambridge, graduating in 2011 with First Class Honours and winning the Wace Medal for outstanding performance in Art and Archaeology, as well as a number of college academic awards. He went on to study the GDL at Kaplan Law School, where he received a distinction and came top of his year. For his BPTC year, he was awarded the Princess Royal Scholarship by Inner Temple and was marked Outstanding on the Bar Course, coming top of his year and receiving the Best Student and Leading Advocate Prizes.

Memberships

Chancery Bar Association, COMBAR, Gibraltar Bar

Qualifications

MA (Cantab) (First Class)