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Narinder has a varied commercial chancery practice, representing clients in both litigation and arbitrations. She appears regularly in the Business and Property Courts as well as in the County Court and Court of Appeal.

She has a wealth of experience of conducting trials, appeals and shorter hearings unled – including applications for urgent interim relief. In addition she is often instructed as part of a team in large scale and high value matters, and is adept at dealing with cases which are complex, fast-paced and document-heavy.

Narinder's expertise extends across chambers' main practice areas. She is well-placed to assist in situations where there is overlap between specialisms (such as an insolvency angle), and has worked on several matters raising issues of jurisdiction or governing law.

She has been instructed in disputes across a wide range of business sectors, including aviation finance, banking, estate agency and management, equipment hire, fashion retail, jewellery manufacture, media & entertainment, the parking industry, pharmaceuticals, property development, renewable energy and venture capital.

Narinder welcomes instructions for advocacy, drafting, and advice relating to:

- **general business and contractual matters** – such as disputes over loans, share purchase agreements, agency and consultancy arrangements, guarantees, options and indemnities
- **trusts, civil fraud and asset recovery** – including issues with the creation and enforcement of trusts; disputes involving breach of fiduciary duty (including secret commissions), dishonest assistance and knowing receipt; claims in deceit, conspiracy and other economic torts
- **corporate and individual insolvency** – all aspects of bankruptcy, liquidation, administration, receivership and voluntary arrangements; applications in insolvency proceedings (e.g. restraint of petitions, validation orders and lifting the moratorium); challenging wrongful or fraudulent trading, transactions at undervalue and preferences
- **company and partnership** – for example claims arising out of joint ventures and breach of directors' duties; shareholder disputes, unfair prejudice petitions and derivative claims; applications for rectification of the register; disputes regarding the operation and dissolution of ordinary and limited partnerships
- **banking and finance** – including claims against banks arising out of misselling, manipulation of interest rates and conduct of reviews; disputes concerning derivatives (including in relation to ISDA Master Agreements); lender claims against borrowers, solicitors and valuers
- **arbitration** – including ancillary applications to Court (e.g. for stays of proceedings)
- **real estate** – enforcement of mortgages and charging orders; disputes involving commercial and residential tenancies and licences; claims regarding the beneficial ownership of land, undue influence and proprietary estoppel; relief against nuisance and trespass; valuation

Narinder is able to assist at all stages of litigation and arbitration, often working closely alongside firms of solicitors and in-house counsel to provide support with disclosure issues (including questions of legal professional privilege), evidence preparation (including expert reports) and mediation. She has provided research and advisory support in matters before foreign courts on a number of occasions and has particular familiarity with proceedings in the Channel Islands.

Further details of Narinder's experience and areas of expertise can be obtained from the clerks (clerks@maitlandchambers.com).

Notable Cases

Acting for the claimant in an international arbitration between two pharmaceutical companies (including an arbitration claim in the Commercial Court) (led by Jasbir Dhillon QC)

Campbell v Campbell: acting for the defendant in a partnership dispute concerning an international jewellery business (led by Andrew Twigger QC and James Aldridge QC)

Malik v Hussain: acting for the defendants in a partnership claim and unfair prejudice petition concerning a restaurant business (led by James Aldridge QC)

LBI v Greif International Holding (2018): acted for the defendant in a dispute concerning hedging arrangements governed by a 1992 ISDA Master Agreement (led by Andrew Ayres QC)

Woodward v Phoenix Healthcare Distribution Limited (2018): acted for the claimants in a dispute concerning the sale of pharmaceutical products (led by Tim Penny QC)

Smithers v Mills (2017): instructed by the claimants in an urgent application for the rectification of the companies register in a shareholder dispute

Learn to Trade v Badela (2017): instructed by the appellant in a consumer rights dispute regarding the purported cancellation of a contract for course fees

Cepia HK v Character Group plc (2016): instructed by the defendant in a contractual dispute regarding an option agreement (led by David Mumford QC)

Novus Aviation Ltd v Alubaf Arab International Bank BSC(c) (2016): instructed by the defendant bank in a contractual dispute regarding aircraft financing (led by Andrew Ayres QC)

Stack v Ajar Tec Limited (2016): instructed by the claimants in a Mercantile Court dispute regarding the payment of loans and expenses to directors

UNAICO v Summerhill (2015): instructed by the claimants in a claim for specific performance of a share transfer agreement and breach of trust

Acted for the defendants in an international private equity investment management dispute (2015) (led by Andrew Ayres QC)

Assisted the claimant in a large-scale Guernsey dispute regarding a property investment trust (2014)

EnviTec v Biogas AG v Greenland Biogas Limited (2013): instructed by the defendants in a methane production, engineering and licensing dispute (led by Andrew Ayres QC)

Caldero Trading Ltd v Beppler & Jacobson Ltd & Ors (2012): instructed by defendants in a shareholder dispute (led by Richard Morgan QC)

Dar Al Arkan Real Estate Development Co v Majid Al-Sayed Bader Hashim Al Refai (2012): instructed by the claimants in a claim for conspiracy, breach of confidence and defamation (led by Anthony Trace QC and Mark Warby QC)

Qualifications

BA (Hons) First Class; BCL

Narinder graduated with a First in Law from Downing College, Cambridge in 2008. The following year she read for the BCL at Hertford College, Oxford (taking papers in Corporate Insolvency, Advanced Property & Trusts, Conflict of Laws and Competition Law) and represented the university in the Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot. Narinder completed the BVC (now the BPTC) at BPP and was awarded Denning and Wolfson Scholarships by Lincoln's Inn.

Memberships

Chancery Bar Association

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) – Associate Member

Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)

Property Bar Association

Insolvency Lawyers' Association