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OVERVIEW

Caley is an experienced commercial litigator and advocate. While his practice encompasses a broad range of commercial disputes, in litigation and arbitration, both on and offshore, he has particular expertise in civil fraud, company and insolvency matters.

He has acted in many of the most high profile commercial cases to have come before the Courts in recent years including acting for several years in the ***MultiBank*** litigation, fraud claims spanning three jurisdictions and involving multiple appearances in the Court of Appeal and the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal, the long-running ***Deripaska v Chernukin*** dispute, a multi-week fraudulent trading trial in the Chancery Division in ***Transworld Payment Solutions (UK) Ltd (in liquidation)*** and acting for one of the principal defendants in the London Capital & Finance litigation, arising out of the notorious mini-bond scandal.

Caley has extensive experience acting as sole counsel, in a number of multi-week trials in the High Court, and as part of a team: he was junior counsel for the claimant for a number of years in ***BTA v Ablyazov.***

He has a notable offshore practice, having been instructed on disputes in the BVI, Jersey, the Cayman Islands, the DIFC and ADGM. He acted for several years on ***Nest Investments v Deloitte,*** which remains one of the largest fraud cases to have been brought in the DIFC Court.

Caley is a contributor to ***Civil Fraud: Law, Practice and Procedure***, the leading text on civil fraud, and to the insolvency sections of LexisNexis' Civil Court Service.

EXPERTISE

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION & ARBITRATION

Caley has extensive experience of all interlocutory matters, with particular experience of: issues surrounding challenges to jurisdiction; a wide range of applications relating to obtaining disclosure and privilege; applications concerning the use of document; and unless orders and other sanctions for non-compliance.

He has significant trial experience, acting as sole and junior Counsel in several multi-week trials in the Chancery Division and Commercial Court in recent years.

Caley undertakes a substantial amount of arbitration work involving a range of different arbitration rules and institutions. He has recently been acting on a number of substantial arbitrations including a dispute relating to an Eastern European bank, a dispute with a Ukrainian high net worth individual, and a bribery claim relating to the aviation industry.

NOTABLE CASES

- *Multibank litigation* [2025] EWHC 426 (KB), [2024] EWHC 3379 (KB), [2024] EWHC 3243 (KB), [2025] 1 W.L.R. 975, [2024] EWHC 1486 (KB)
- *Navigator Equities Ltd v Deripaska* [2024] EWCA Civ 268
- *Re Transworld Payment Solutions UK Ltd (In Liquidation)* [2023] EWHC 2407 (Ch), [2022] EWHC 2742 (Ch)
- *AB v CD* [2023] EWHC 2353 (Ch)
- *FG Financing v Shogun* [2023] EWHC 126 (Comm)

- *XX v YY* [2021] EWHC 3014 (Ch)

- *PJSC Uralkali v Rowley & Anor* [2020] EWHC 3442 (Ch)
- *London Capital & Finance Plc & Ors v Thomson & Ors* [2020] EWHC 2490 (Ch)
- *Everest Alliance v Maslovskiy and others* [2020] EWHC 2035 (Ch)
- *In the Matter of London Oil & Gas Limited (in Administration)* [2019] EWHC 3675 (Ch)
- *Burnden Holdings v Fielding* [2019] EWHC 1566 (Ch), [2019] EWHC 2995 (Ch)
- *Cunico Resources v Daskalakis* [2019] EWHC 57 (Comm); [2018] EWHC 3382 (Comm)
- *Atlantica Holdings Inc v Samruk-Kaznya* [2019] EWHC 319 (QB)
- *JSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov (various)*
- *Udondem v Wallace LLP* [2018] EWHC 2297 (QB)
- *AMT Futures LTD v Boural and others* [2018] EWHC 750 (Comm); [2018] 3 W.L.R. 358
- *JEB Recoveries LLP v Binstock* [2016] EWCA Civ 1008, [2017] C.P. Rep. 5
- *MA Lloyd & Son Ltd (In Administration) v PPC International Ltd* [2016] EWHC 2162 (QB)
- *Chodiev v Stein* [2015] EWHC 1428 (Comm), [2015] EWCA Civ 1256

CIVIL FRAUD

Caley has acted in some of the largest civil fraud litigation in the English courts in recent years, most notably acting as junior Counsel for the Bank in the long-running ***JSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov***. The case involved all manner of interlocutory applications including freezing injunctions, search orders, novel applications for disclosure, receivership orders and committal for contempt of court.

He has also acted both as sole Counsel and as a junior in numerous substantial civil fraud matters including the ***MultiBank*** litigation, an extensive fraud claim spanning three jurisdictions, multiple trips to the Court of Appeal and Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal, and a large number of reported first instance decisions in both jurisdictions, ***Transworld Payment Solutions (UK) Ltd,*** a 7-week fraudulent trading claim in the High Court, and ***Navigator v Deripaska.***

Caley is a contributor to ***Civil Fraud: Law, Practice and Procedure***, a leading text on Civil Fraud.

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- ***Re Transworld Payment Solutions UK Ltd (In Liquidation)*** [2023] EWHC 2407 (Ch), [2022] EWHC 2742 (Ch)
- ***AB v CD*** [2023] EWHC 2353 (Ch)
- ***London Capital & Finance Plc & Ors v Thomson & Ors*** [2020] EWHC 2490 (Ch), [2020] EWHC 2463 (Ch)
- ***Everest Alliance v Maslovskiy and others*** [2020] EWHC 2035 (Ch)
- ***In the Matter of London Oil & Gas Limited (in Administration)*** [2019] EWHC 3675 (Ch)
- ***Burnden Holdings v Fielding*** [2019] EWHC 1566 (Ch), [2019] EWHC 2995 (Ch)
- ***Cunico Resources v Daskalakis*** [2019] EWHC 57 (Comm); [2018] EWHC 3382 (Comm)
- ***JSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov:*** [2018] EWCA Civ 1176 (appeal from s.423 claim)
- [2016] EWHC 3071 (trial of a claim under s.423 of the Insolvency Act)
- [2016] EWHC 2606 (Ch) (use of documents obtained pursuant to search orders)
- [2015] EWHC 3871 (Comm) (use of funds subject to freezing injunction for legal fees)
- [2013] EWHC 2772 (Comm) (application to reverse transaction effected in breach of freezing and receivership orders)
- [2012] EWCA Civ 1411; [2013] 1 W.L.R. 1331; [2013] 2 All E.R. 515; Times, January 8, 2013 (Court of Appeal's dismissal of appeal from committal order)
- [2012] EWHC 455 (Comm) (unless order requiring contemnor to attend the tipstaff)
- [2012] EWHC 237 (Comm) (committal trial of Mr Ablyazov)
- [2011] EWHC 2163 (Ch); [2013] Ch 1, [2012] 3 W.L.R. 559, [2011] C.P. Rep. 46 (disclosure order made against defendant's former solicitors)
- ***Nest Investment Holding Lebanon SAL & others v Deloitte and Touche (M.E.) & Joseph El Fadl*** (CFI-027-2016)
- ***Chodiev v Stein*** [2015] EWHC 1428 (Comm), [2015] EWCA Civ 1256

COMPANY & PARTNERSHIP

Caley acts in a wide range of contentious company and related matters, including shareholder disputes, 'split board' cases and petitions under s.994 of the Companies Act. He has a particular interest in company valuation, and has been involved in a number of 'take private' cases emanating from the Cayman Islands merger regime. He was instructed on ***Burnden Holdings v Fielding***, a leading case on the payment of dividends, and on ***Everest Alliance v Maslovskiy***, a dispute between the shareholders and board of Petropavlovsk, one of the world's largest gold-mining companies with operations in Siberia.

NOTABLE CASES

- *Failbetter Games v Kennedy* [2022] EWHC 3483 (Ch)
- *Burnden Holdings v Fielding* [2019] EWHC 1566 (Ch), [2019] EWHC 2995 (Ch)
- *Nest Investment Holding Lebanon SAL & others v Deloitte and Touche (M.E.) & Joseph El Fadl* (CFI-027-2016)
- *Patel v Ferdinand, Re Shires Defence Solicitors*:
- [2016] EWHC 2362 (Ch) (costs and consequential matters from trial)
- [2016] EWHC 1524 (Ch) (trial of s.994 petition)
- *MA Lloyd & Son Ltd (In Administration) v PPC International Ltd* [2016] EWHC 2162

INSOLVENCY & ASSET RECOVERY

Caley acts in all manner of contentious insolvency disputes including acting for or against office holders in Insolvency Act claims. He has recently acted on ***Burnden Holdings v Fieldings***¸ a substantial insolvency case in the Chancery Division and is currently instructed on ***Transworld Payment Solutions (UK) Limited***, a claim for in excess of £200 million against individuals and institutions involved in MTIC fraud, which has already given rise to a leading decision on applications for public examination. A 7-week trial took place in March-May 2025.

NOTABLE CASES

- *Re Transworld Payment Solutions UK Ltd (In Liquidation)* [2023] EWHC 2407 (Ch), [2022] EWHC 2742 (Ch)

- *The Official Receiver v Deuss* [2021] EWHC 1842 (Ch)
- *The Official Receiver v Deuss & Ors* [2020] EWHC 3441 (Ch)
- *London Capital & Finance Plc & Ors v Thomson & Ors* [2020] EWHC 2490 (Ch)
- *Transworld Payment Solutions (UK) Limited v Deuss* [2020] EWHC 115 (Ch)
- *In the Matter of London Oil & Gas Limited (in Administration)* [2019] EWHC 3675 (Ch)
- *Burnden Holdings v Fielding* [2019] EWHC 1566 (Ch), [2019] EWHC 2995 (Ch)
- *Toone and Murphy v Robbins and Robbins* [2018] EWHC 569 (Ch)
- *Insol Funding Co Ltd v Cowlam* [2017] EWHC 1822 (Ch)

DIRECTORY QUOTES

"Caley is great. I have worked with him on a number of cases over the years. He always absorbs and retains the fact very quickly, gets to the issues, and provides commercial advice. His advocacy is measured and incredibly effective."

Legal 500 UK: Commercial Litigation (2027)

"He is a great lawyer and has a phenomenal work ethic; you want him on your team."

Chambers UK Fraud: Civil (2027)

"Caley is a very competent and confident advocate with a persuasive manner."

Chambers UK Chancery: Commercial (2027)

"Caley Wright is one of my go-to senior juniors. He is great on his feet; he has got a pleasant manner, is matter of fact and can take judges to point."

Chambers UK Fraud: Civil (2027)

"Caley is a brilliant junior destined to soon be a silk. He is hands-on and incredibly commercial."

Chambers UK Chancery: Commercial (2027)

"Caley is an outstanding counsel who held the pen on all submissions. He is ruthlessly efficient, exceptionally client-friendly, pragmatic and a committed team player."

Chambers UK Fraud: Civil (2027)

"A concise and technically brilliant junior".

Legal 500 UK Fraud: Civil (2026)

"Caley Wright is superb all round".

Chambers UK - Chancery Commercial (2026)

"Caley is a very good advocate who has a very charming and persuasive style. Judges want him to appear before them as he's a very reasonable advocate".

Chambers UK - Chancery Commercial (2026)

"Caley Wright is a very able advocate and has an engaging manner in court".

Chambers UK - Fraud: Civil (2026)

"His calm and measured manner is appreciated by clients and instructing counsel alike. He is pragmatic and bright".

Chambers UK - Fraud: Civil (2026)

"He is a very good advocate who has a very charming and persuasive style".

Chambers UK - Fraud: Civil (2026)

"Caley is extremely bright and has a lovely style. He is pragmatic, good with solicitors and particularly good for complex insolvency and fraud matters."

CHAMBERS UK: CHANCERY COMMERCIAL (2025)

"His advocacy is very measured and he gets his points across in simple terms."

CHAMBERS UK: CHANCERY COMMERCIAL (2025)

"Caley is calm and moderate in manner, and produces opinions that are both measured and sophisticated."

CHAMBERS UK: CHANCERY COMMERCIAL (2025)

"Caley is consistently excellent. He has a calm and moderate manner that is measured and sophisticated. He offers a 24-hour service."

CHAMBERS UK: CIVIL FRAUD (2025)

"Caley is an excellent senior junior who is very user-friendly and particularly good with clients."

CHAMBERS UK: CIVIL FRAUD (2025)

"Caley's ability to get into the detail of case at short notice is truly phenomenal."

CHAMBERS UK: CIVIL FRAUD (2025)

"Caley is knowledgeable and responsive."

CHAMBERS UK: CIVIL FRAUD (2025)

"Caley is a great team player who works exceptionally hard and has a really good touch and feel as far as clients are concerned."

CHAMBERS UK: CIVIL FRAUD (2025)

"Very intelligent, great on the client side, easy to work with and someone who adapts well to changes in the case."

CHAMBERS UK CHANCERY: COMMERCIAL (2024)

"Caley is excellent at breaking down complex matters into bite size chunks and explaining strategy and risk with great clarity."

CHAMBERS UK CHANCERY: COMMERCIAL (2024)

"Has a really outstanding ability to make a difficult set of facts seem very attractive. He's good on his feet and the courts find him very persuasive."

CHAMBERS UK CHANCERY: COMMERCIAL (2024)

"Caley is an intellectual powerhouse and who I want on my side for very complex multi-jurisdictional issues."

CHAMBERS UK FRAUD: CIVIL (2024)

"Caley is a superstar. He is an outstanding draftsman on lengthy complicated skeletons."

CHAMBERS UK FRAUD: CIVIL (2024)

"Caley has a calm and considered manner which reassures clients, disarms opponents and ingratiates him with judges - exactly what you want from counsel."

CHAMBERS UK FRAUD: CIVIL (2024)

"An outstanding and exceptionally diligent advocate, and he is a winning choice for clients seeking favourable outcomes in complex disputes. His persuasive courtroom presence and meticulous attention to the details of a case set him apart from peers."

LEGAL 500 Fraud: Civil (2024)

"Caley is a phenomenal talent. He is hard-working and very bright."

Chambers UK Fraud: Civil (2023)

"Efficient, clever and easy to talk to, his turnaround of papers is very quick. Produces good research and drafting. He is clear, concise and effective."

Chambers UK Chancery Commercial (2023)

"Very bright, friendly and commercially minded. He's very measured but effective, and always gets the job done."

Chambers UK Chancery: Commercial (2022)

"Unflappable: he resolves complicated issues with a calm and professional manner. Clients trust him with good reason."

Legal 500 UK Fraud: Civil (2022)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association

QUALIFICATIONS

- MA (Oxon) Classics (First)