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OVERVIEW

Faith is a commercial chancery barrister specialising in insolvency litigation, with an emphasis on fraud.

She is ranked by both of the major directories:

"Faith is an incredibly bright, hard-working and fantastic advocate. Her drafting is top notch, and she is great at rolling up her sleeves and becoming part of a team."

"Her ability to get into the detail is amazing and she is also a great advocate."

(Chambers and Partners 2025, Restructuring/Insolvency)

"Faith is a genuine star. She picks up work at short notice and masters complexities of fact and law with admirable ease."
(Legal 500 2024 Insolvency)

EXPERTISE

INSOLVENCY & ASSET RECOVERY

Faith acts for officeholders, directors, creditors, and individual debtors in all manner of insolvency litigation. She has also acted and advised as specialist insolvency counsel within professional negligence disputes.

Recent work includes acting for the liquidators of Global Steel Holdings in asset recovery claims worth US$200 million. Global Steel is the holding company of Pramod Mittal, who has been described as "Britain's biggest bankrupt". Proceedings have been commenced in England, BVI, Isle of Man and Nigeria. She is also currently instructed in relation to a multi-million pound wrongful and fraudulent trading claim, various claims against directors for breach of duty, and applications to set aside antecedent transactions.

Recent reported cases include:

- ***Martin v McLaren Construction Ltd*** [2025] EWHC 406 (Ch), [2025] B.P.I.R. 490 (a combined hearing of an application to set aside statutory demands, and a contested winding up petition)
- ***Re a Company*** [2024] EWHC 2656 (Ch) (application to restrain presentation of a winding up petition, on basis of a genuine and substantial cross-claim worth c.£44m)
- ***Hellard v Khan*** [2024] EWHC 1130 (Ch), [2024] BCC 1049 (application for strike out and/or summary judgment in a claim arising out of a multi-million pound MTIC fraud)
- ***Kelsall v Stajic*** [2023] EWHC 3020 (Ch), [2024] 2 B.C.L.C. 128 (authority for the proposition that a claim in dishonest assistance can, in principle, be brought under s.212 of the Insolvency Act 1986)
- ***Satyam Enterprises v Burton*** [2022] EWHC 1987 (Ch) (trial of a claim alleging, among other things, an unlawful return of capital)
- ***Schofield v Smith*** [2022] EWCA Civ 824, [2023] 1 All ER 480 (appeal relating to the interpretation of a settlement agreement)
- ***Re Mobigo Ltd*** [2022] EWHC 1349 (Ch) (strike out application in the course of proceedings under s.212 of the Insolvency Act 1986)
- ***Re Brothers Produce Ltd*** [2022] EWHC 291 (Ch), [2022] BCC 640 (trial of a claim arising out of the transfer of a company's assets immediately prior to liquidation)
- ***Re Rhino Enterprises Ltd*** [2021] EWHC 2533 (Ch) (summary judgment application in a professional negligence claim against former administrators and their solicitors)
- ***Re Rufus*** [2021] EWHC 2124 (Ch), [2021] BPIR 1594 (authority addressing service of proceedings under the Insolvency Act 1986 and submitting to the jurisdiction)
- ***Re Shahi Tandoori Restaurant Ltd*** [2021] EWHC 337 (Ch) (trial of a claim under section 212 of the Insolvency Act 1986, relating to the under-declaration of VAT to HMRC)
- ***Lyle v Bedborough*** [2021] EWHC 220 (Ch), [2021] BPIR 581 (trial of an application to set aside a deed of trust as a transaction at an undervalue and/or defrauding creditors)
- ***Re Bedborough*** [2019] EWHC 3506 (Ch) (application for specific disclosure of a solicitor's file, on the basis that privilege had been waived)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Chancery Bar Association
- Property Bar Association

QUALIFICATIONS

- LLB (1st) – University of Law
- BPTC (Outstanding) – College of Law
- GDL (Distinction) – College of Law
- MA in Eighteenth Century Studies – University of York

- BA in History – Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge

DIRECTORY QUOTES

"Faith is absolutely brilliant. She has an excellent legal brain, a straightforward manner and is a real pleasure to work with".

Legal 500: Insolvency (2025)

"Her judgement is excellent and her ability to think on her feet is exceptional".

Chambers UK: Restructuring/Insolvency (2026)

"Faith's excellent preparation and advocacy resulted in brilliant outcomes".

Chambers UK: Restructuring/Insolvency (2026)

"An extremely persuasive barrister who is immensely intelligent".

Chambers UK: Restructuring/Insolvency (2026)

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CHAMBERS UK: RESTRUCTURING / INSOLVENCY (2025)

"Her ability to get into the detail is amazing and she is also a great advocate. "

CHAMBERS UK: RESTRUCTURING / INSOLVENCY (2025)

"Faith Julian is just brilliant – fantastic on her feet and devilishly bright."

"She is a rising star of the insolvency Bar."

"Faith is very technical, a joy to work with and a barrister that can always be trusted to provide strong advice and get the job done."

Chambers and Partners, Restructuring/Insolvency (2024)

"Faith has an approachable working manner. She is an excellent communicator and can explain complex legal arguments simply and succinctly. She is good with clients and in court. Her level of service and commerciality is excellent."

Chambers and Partners, Restructuring/Insolvency (2023)

"Faith is bright, strategically astute, and works very well as part of a team."

Legal 500, Insolvency (2023)

"Faith has fantastic attention to detail, and is extremely user-friendly and a very clever advocate.She has incredibly sharp technical knowledge.Excellent – she keeps her cool on her feet and shows maturity beyond her years in difficult circumstances. She's absolutely great."

Chambers and Partners, Restructuring/Insolvency (2022)

"An incredibly astute and confident barrister, able to quickly assimilate the detail of very complex issues and provide cogent and often innovative advice."

Legal 500, Insolvency (2022)

"Faith is an exceptional barrister and is very impressive in court. She has an uncanny ability to fight where necessary while always remaining entirely calm and unflappable." She is a pleasure to work with, always makes herself available and is thorough and concise."

Chambers and Partners, Restructuring/Insolvency (2021)

NOTABLE CASES