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MATTHEW COLLINGS KC

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OVERVIEW

Matthew will always fight for his clients. He is a seasoned trial and appellate advocate, seen appearing before the Supreme Court in the most recent landmark judgments in his field. Matthew's cases here and abroad span company, insolvency, trusts and commercial disputes. Amongst his current varied workload have been multi million claims in the Commercial Court and many large cases offshore, but he brings the same dedication and attention to detail to every single instruction. Matthew has over 150 reported cases to his name.

EXPERTISE

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION & ARBITRATION

Matthew's current caseload embraced a multi million claim in the Commercial Court *(Khashoggi Holding Company v Molinari* [2025] EWHC 2991 (Comm)), and last year included the ten week trial of a class action: *4VVV v Spence* [2024] EWHC 2314 (Comm), and [2024] Bus LR 1976.

Matthew is currently instructed in several large Hong Kong arbitrations.

CIVIL FRAUD

Matthew has conducted numerous high profile civil fraud cases, including two in the Supreme Court: *FHR v Mankarious* on constructive trusts, and *Patel v Mirza* on illegality - the most significant authority on civil fraud for

decades, with a nine person panel of Justices. Matthew secured a significant victory in the Court of Appeal in a £70m conspiracy claim ***Maranello Rosso v Lohomij*** [2022] EWCA Civ 1667.

COMPANY & PARTNERSHIP

Matthew has long specialised in company law, and appeared in the Supreme Court in ***Progress Property v Moore*** on unlawful distributions. He has fought dozens of shareholder disputes: recently ***Ronnan v Stansfield*** [2025] EWHC 2034 (CH) on whether majority shareholders can obtain relief. He successfully defended the directors from a multi million claim for breach of fiduciary duty at the trial of ***TMO v Yeo*** [2021] EWHC 2033 (Ch).

INSOLVENCY & ASSET RECOVERY

Matthew has featured in most of the significant insolvencies during his career including appearing in the House of Lords in ***Arrows*** and ***Atlantic Computers***. Recent high profile instructions include ***London Capital & Finance*** and ***Greensill Bank***. A Court of Appeal appearance of Matthew's explored the assignment of insolvency claims to litigation funders: ***Edengate*** [2022] 2 BCLC 1; and he secured a significant victory for the office holders at the trial of ***Oak Forest v Mercantile*** [2023] EWHC 1903 (Ch).

OFFSHORE & TRUSTS

Matthew's case ***Denaxe v Cooper*** [2024] Ch 65 provided the Court of Appeal with its first opportunity to review the court's jurisdiction to bless transactions by trustees and others. In the high profile ***London Capital & Finance*** insolvency, Matthew successfully removed security trustees: [2020] EWHC 597(Ch).

Matthew regularly deploys his expertise in his specialist fields abroad, and has been called to the Bar in the BVI, Cayman and Bermuda. He has acted in many trials and appeals (up to the Privy Council), and has appeared in tribunals in jurisdictions as diverse as Milan and Reykjavik. Matthew's recent overseas work includes appearances in Bermuda and the BVI and giving expert evidence in person at trial in Hong Kong.

DIRECTORY QUOTES

"Matthew is a very forceful and strong advocate. He is hardworking and thorough, leaving no stone unturned. He is also a guru in insolvency and company matters. Notwithstanding his profound legal knowledge, he is very approachable and a team player, always having the best interests of clients in mind and fighting fearlessly in court, where he excels."

Legal 500 UK Commercial Litigation (2027)

"Matthew Collings fights very hard and does a great job on cases."

Chambers UK Restructuring/Insolvency (2027)

"A very senior barrister who fights very hard. He can be brought into a case with poor prospects and really do a great job on it."

Chambers UK Company (2027)

"A very approachable and friendly barrister who deploys strategy well to deliver excellent results."

Chambers UK Chancery: Commercial (2027)

"Matthew Collings is a fantastic barrister and has a huge amount of offshore work."

Chambers UK Offshore (2027)

"Matthew is an intellectual powerhouse, he is extremely intelligent, and he has a modest disarming manner which is a great asset. His advocacy style is calm, measured, and he has a degree of courtesy rarely seen nowadays but which is devastatingly effective with both judges and witnesses."

Legal 500 UK Commercial Disputes (2026)

"He has an excellent disarming manner which helps greatly when people are in a stressful situation. He is very polite even when pressing points."

Legal 500 UK Company (2026)

"Matthew is very user-friendly. He's a team player and someone who has a big brain."

Chambers UK Company (2026)

"He has the ability to digest vast amounts of information and hone in on the relevant points quickly."

Legal 500 UK Insolvency (2026)

"Matthew is prepared to get his hands dirty and is a real team player."

Chambers UK Chancery: Commercial (2026)

"Matthew Collings KC is respected by judges and a good advocate."

Chambers UK Company (2026)

"Matthew Collings is a very effective operator."

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2026)

"Matthew is a first rate KC."

Legal 500 UK Commercial Litigation (2026)

'Matthew has razor sharp advocacy skills, and possesses a formidable presence and gravitas in the courtroom. This is somebody that you want on your team.'

Legal 500 Commercial Disputes (2025)

"Matthew is absolutely top notch on his feet. He dissects the issues in a clear and concise manner, and makes himself available. He commands a courtroom like no other."

Chambers UK Restructuring and Insolvency (2025)

"Matthew has masterful knowledge of the legal framework. He's a very impressive advocate, who combines academic knowledge with strong people skills."

Chambers UK Company (2025)

"Matthew is a man with a great brain, who is a pleasure to deal with. He always makes himself available to speak to you."

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2025)

"Matthew has a practical, no-nonsense approach. He is an excellent advocate, as well as a skilled and subtle negotiator."

Chambers UK Company (2024)

"Very charming and an agreeable person to work with, he's very client friendly and helpful."

Chambers UK Company (2024)

"A very effective advocate."

Chambers UK Chancery: Commercial (2024)

"He is a very fine and nimble-footed barrister."

Chambers UK Restructuring/Insolvency (2024)

"Matthew Collings is a very effective advocate."

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2024)

"In court he's very good at jumping in and hammering home points when he spots a weakness."

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2024)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Chancery Bar Association
- COMBAR
- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association
- Insolvency Lawyers Association
- INSOL International

QUALIFICATIONS

- LLB Hons (London)