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OVERVIEW

Focused on advocacy and case strategy and instructed in both litigation and arbitration in England and overseas, Richard has significant experience in high value disputes, frequently involving cross-border issues and freezing orders. Aside from England and the Eastern Caribbean, Richard has been called ***ad hoc*** in a number of jurisdictions including in the Cayman Islands, Bermuda, Gibraltar and the Isle of Man. He is also on the Register of Legal Practitioners for the DIFC Courts. He has sat as an arbitrator on a number of occasions, been instructed to provide an expert determination, and has appeared as an expert witness on English law before a Californian Court.

Richard has experience of working with lawyers from a large number of other jurisdictions and has also travelled extensively, both to appear and to have consultations with overseas lawyers and clients.

The subject matter of the various cases on which Richard has been instructed and the identity of his lay clients are frequently highly confidential or commercially sensitive, but his clerks are able to provide anonymised outline descriptions of matters with which he has been involved if that would be of assistance.

EXPERTISE

CIVIL FRAUD

Acting for both Claimants and Defendants, cases in which Richard has been instructed frequently involve allegations of fraud and concern the identification, freezing or recovery of assets, both in England and overseas.

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION & ARBITRATION

Richard has been instructed in commercial disputes and arbitrations across a range of industry sectors including mining, oil and gas businesses, commercial distribution networks and mobile phone manufacturing.

COMPANY & PARTNERSHIP

Richard frequently appears in matters relating to corporate structures, director's duties and the general operation of companies. He has also acted on a number of partnership disputes.

INSOLVENCY & ASSET RECOVERY

Over the years Richard has been instructed on a number of large insolvencies, particularly those with cross-border aspects. For example, Richard was instructed for one of the funds on the collapse of Abraaj Investments in the Cayman Islands and for the Trustee in Bankruptcy of a Kazakh gas company on an asset recovery claim in Gibraltar.

OFFSHORE & TRUSTS

Richard appears frequently in offshore cases and has been called in the Eastern Caribbean and ***ad hoc*** in the Cayman Islands, Bermuda, Gibraltar and the Isle of Man.

DIRECTORY QUOTES

"Richard is a highly experienced advocate who is great to work with on offshore matters, particularly those relating to freezing injunctions and complex jurisdictional issues. He is particularly strong courtroom advocate and knows exactly which points to focus on."

Legal 500 UK Commercial Litigation (2027)

"Richard always has an idea that someone hasn't thought of."

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2027)

"Richard Morgan is exceptionally good and works hard for clients. He is very attentive and goes the extra mile."

Chambers UK Offshore (2027)

"Richard is an excellent advocate who presents straightforward and persuasive submissions and has a keen eye for detail. He works tirelessly for his clients, is highly attentive to their needs and consistently goes the extra mile to achieve the best possible outcome. He is an asset on any case."

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2027)

"Judges listen to Richard."

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2027)

"Richard is exceptionally good. He is very good in court, with straightforward submissions, and is very attentive to detail. He goes the extra mile and is fully aware and conscious of his clients' wishes."

Chambers UK Fraud: Civil (2027)

"Richard is very good in court, with straightforward submissions and being very attentive to detail. He is careful and good to work with."

Chambers UK Offshore (2027)

"Richard is a fantastic lawyer who is always well prepared and fantastic at cross-examination. He is incredibly bright and able to distil complex issues into a persuasive case. "

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2027)

"Richard is the complete package: a brilliant advocate (both orally and in writing), encyclopaedic on the law, a great tactician and always available."

Legal 500 Commercial Litigation; International Arbitration (2026)

"Richard Morgan is very collaborative, discussing strategy and points, inclusive of juniors, very good in court and a strong advocate."

Chambers UK Offshore; Fraud: Civil (2026)

"Richard Morgan was excellent. His advice was comprehensive and very clear."

Chambers UK Fraud: Civil (2026)

"He is a brilliant advocate who is persuasive and passionate."

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2026)

"A keen eye for the weaknesses in the other side's case."

Legal 500 UK Commercial Disputes (2026)

"Richard is highly persuasive in court and has fierce intellect."

CHAMBERS UK: CIVIL FRAUD (2025)

"Richard will cut through everything and is able to manage extreme complexity very quickly. He will have turned every page before any hearing."

CHAMBERS UK: CIVIL FRAUD (2025)

"He is brilliant. He's really nice to work with, very user-friendly and a great advocate who has lots of experience in matters involving different jurisdictions or injunctions."

CHAMBERS UK: CIVIL FRAUD (2025)

"He's one of the big names in fraud and big-ticket commercial litigation. Richard is a specialist in injunction relief as well - very good strategically in relation to injunctions."

CHAMBERS UK: OFFSHORE (2025)

"Richard has a fierce intellect and is a top choice for matters involving offshore injunctions. He is a genuine leader who is highly persuasive and always has a clear vision on strategy."

CHAMBERS UK: COMMERCIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (2025)

"Richard is a heavy hitter for the biggest disputes. He'll cut through everything and give the answer very quickly. He's able to manage extreme complexity."

CHAMBERS UK: OFFSHORE (2025)

"Richard is one of the best advocates. He has a really excellent manner with the court and a keen eye for the weaknesses in the other side's case."

Legal 500 Commercial disputes (2025)

"Richard provides clear and concise advice and strategy. He's a very strong advocate and my first choice for complex matters."

CHAMBERS UK OFFSHORE (2024)

"Richard's absolutely outstanding."

CHAMBERS UK OFFSHORE (2024)

"Richard is highly knowledgeable about BVI injunctions. He's definitely a good person to have on board."

CHAMBERS UK OFFSHORE (2024)

"Richard is an encyclopedia of knowledge on injunctions and interim relief."

CHAMBERS UK FRAUD: CIVIL (2024)

"Richard Morgan very quickly gets to grip with the key issues in a case, and provides clear advice and concise strategy. He is a very strong advocate."

CHAMBERS UK COMMERCIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (2024)

"Richard is pragmatic and solution-driven. He builds excellent rapport with solicitors and clients alike. He is incredibly bright and an exceptional advocate." "Richard has an encyclopaedic knowledge and grasp of the technicalities and procedures in this field."

CHAMBERS UK DISPUTE RESOLUTION (2023)

"Richard Morgan is a very good and forceful advocate who fights very hard for the client. He has great experience regarding freezing orders."

CHAMBERS UK OFFSHORE (2023)

"Richard is very well versed on freezing orders."

CHAMBRES UK FRAUD: CIVIL (2023)

"An excellent trial advocate, who is a straight shooter - he tells you what he thinks, good or bad."

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2022)

"He has an encyclopedic knowledge of injunction fraud and really gets into the details." "A fantastic advocate who really knows his law."

Chambers UK Fraud: Civil (2022)

"The complete barrister. Incredibly clever, responsive, a lateral thinker who understands the points that will play best with the Court, and a great strategist. He is a phenomenally hard worker and a fantastic team player."

Legal 500 UK Commercial Litigation (2022)

"He is a phenomenally hard worker and a fantastic team player. Solicitors would instruct him on any major cross-border fraud case, particularly one with offshore elements."

Legal 500 UK Fraud: Civil (2022)

"A great first choice for a range of BVI work."

Legal 500 UK Offshore (2022)

"A fraud specialist who really knows his stuff." "His advocacy is excellent and he provides practical, straightforward legal advice with a commercial understanding of what the client needs to do." "He is very clever and presents himself well."

Chambers UK Fraud: Civil (2021)

"Phenomenal with the detail and his knowledge of the law, and an encyclopaedia on injunctions."

Legal 500 UK Commercial Litigation (2021)

"One of the top Chancery and fraud silks in the country."

Legal 500 UK Fraud: Civil (2021)

"He is a highly regarded silk."

Legal 500 UK Offshore (2021)

"Pragmatic and solution-driven, he builds an excellent rapport with solicitors and clients." "He combines excellent strategic nous with an incredibly user-friendly manner, and is brilliant on his feet."

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2020)

"Knows the detail and is ready to answer any questions from a judge."

Legal 500 UK Commercial Litigation (2020)

"Gives bold advice and doesn't sit on the fence."

Legal 500 UK Fraud: Civil (2020)

"Instructed in Caribbean Chancery litigation."

Legal 500 UK Offshore (2020)

"A real specialist at the forefront of the field. He combines legal knowledge with excellent strategic thinking."

Chambers UK Fraud: Civil (2019)

"Ruthless in cross-examination, clear in presentation, and prepared to stand up to a judge when needed."

Legal 500 UK Commercial Litigation (2019)

"First point of call with any civil fraud claim, his knowledge of freezing injunctions is second to none."

Legal 500 UK Fraud: Civil (2019)

"Well known in the offshore world, he displays extremely solid analytical skills and is a joy to work with." "Shows dogged determination and has a client-friendly approach."

Chambers UK Commercial Dispute Resolution (2018)

"A real specialist at the forefront of the field. He combines legal knowledge with excellent strategic thinking." "A freezing order specialist with an encyclopaedic knowledge and grasp of the technicalities and procedure in this field."

Chambers UK Fraud: Civil (2018)

"A leader in all matters relating to interim relief."

Legal 500 UK Commercial Litigation (2017)

"He has an exceptional depth of knowledge, especially on freezing injunctions."

Legal 500 UK Fraud: Civil (2017)

MEMBERSHIPS

- COMBAR

- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association

QUALIFICATIONS

- LLB (Bucks)
- LLM (Cantab)

NOTABLE CASES

- *CREDIT SUISSE LIFE (BERMUDA) LIMITED V BIDZINA IVANISHVILI & ORS [2023] CA (BDA) 13 CIV*
- *Tolkynneftegaz LLP (in bankruptcy) v Terra Raf Trans Trading Limited (2023)*
- *Convoy Collateral Ltd v Broad Idea International Ltd & Anor (2021)*
- *P (a co inc in country A) v D (a co inc in country B) & ors (2019)*
- *In the matter of Olympia Securities Commercial v (1) WDW 3 Investments Ltd (2) Arazim (Gibraltar) Ltd (2017)*
- *(1) Koza Ltd (2) Hamdi Akin Ipek v Mustafa Akcil & 5 Ors (2017)*
- *(1) Koza Ltd (2) Hamdi Akin Ipek v Mustafa Akcil & 5 ors (2016)*
- *Tatneft v Bogolyubov & Ors (2016)*
- *PJSC Tatneft v Gennadiy Bogolyubov & ors (2017)*
- *Erste Group Bank AG (London) v JSC (VMZ Red October) [2015]*
- *Cifal Groupe SA & Ors v Meridian Securities (UK) Ltd & Ors (2013)*
- *Erste Group Bank AG (London) v JSC (VMZ Red October) & Ors (2013)*
- *Niklas Zennstrom v Kevin Fagot (2013)*
- *Alliance Bank JSC v Aquanta Corp & 14 Ors (2012)*
- *OJSC TNK-BP Holding v Beppler & Jacobson Ltd & 12 Ors (2012)*
- *Caldero Trading Ltd v Beppler & Jacobson Ltd & Ors (2012)*
- *Al Sanea v Saad Investments Co Ltd (2012)*
- *Alliance Bank JSC v Aquanta Corp & 14 Ors (2011)*
- *Saad Investments Co Ltd (In Liquidation) v Maan Abdulwahed Abdulmajeed Al-Sanea (2011)*
- *Cadogan Petroleum Plc & 9 Ors v Mark Tolly & 10 Ors (2011)*
- *Awal Bank BSC (In Administration) v Maan Abdulwahed Abdulmajeed Al-Sanea (2011)*
- *In The Matter Of Overnight Ltd (2010)*
- *Chantry Estates (South East) Ltd v Anderson (2010)*
- *Cadogan Petroleum Plc v Mark Tolley (December 2009)*
- *Cadogan Petroleum PLC v Tolley (October 2009)*
- *Itsalat International Co Ltd v Allied TC Plc & Ors (2009)*
- *Menolly v Cerep Sarl (2009)*
- *Pier Antonio Merlo v Michael Joseph Duffy (2009)*
- *Lambert v MCM Select Foods Ltd (2008)*

- *Kier Regional Ltd v City & General (Holborn) Ltd & Others (2008)*
- *Chantry Estates (South East) Ltd v Anderson & Anor (2008)*
- *Ian Franses (Liquidator of Arab News Network Ltd) v Somar Al Assad (2007)*
- *Square Mile Partnership Ltd v Fitzmaurice McCall Ltd (2006)*
- *Global Multimedia International Ltd v (1) ARA Media Services (2006)*
- *Rockbrook Ltd v (1) Humayun Khan (2) Miracles by Design Ltd (2006)*
- *Walker International Holdings Ltd v Congo & Ors (2005)*
- *Welshtown Corporation NV v M-Real OYJ (2004)*
- *Interleasing (UK) Ltd v Nicolas Melvyn Morris (2003)*
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- *Government of Sierra Leone v Edward Ormus Sharington Davenport & 6 ors (2002)*
- *Government of Sierra Leone v Edward Ormus Sharrington Davenport & Ors (2001)*
- *Duer v Frazer (2000)*
- *Universal Cycles PLC v Grangebriar Ltd (2000)*
- *David Gareth Jones v Society of Lloyd's : Mervyn John Anthony Standen v Same (1999)*
- *Peter John Browne v Mark Goldberg (1999)*
- *Locabail (UK) Ltd v (1) Bayfield Properties Ltd (2) Barbara Hagan Emmanuel (1999)*
- *Locabail (UK) Ltd & Locabail Investment Finance Ltd v Waldorf Investment Corporation (1999)*
- *Leslie Green (Appellant) v Swami Das Satsangi (Respondent) (1997)*
- *Secretary of State for Trade and Industry v Richard Richarson (1997)*
- *Secretary of State for Trade & Industry v Richard Richardson (1997)*
- *Routestone Ltd v (1) Minories Finance Ltd (1996)*
- *Re Mohan Bhagwandas Murjani (1995)*
- *Banque Bruxelles Lambert S.A. v Eagle Star Insurance Co Ltd*
- *In Re Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA & Anor (1994)*
- *In re BCCI (No.9) (July 1993)*
- *In re BCCI (No.9) (1993)*
- *NCNB Texas National Bank v Evensong Co Ltd (1991)*
- *Derby & Co Ltd & Ors v Weldon & Ors (No.9) (1990)*