

RICHARD MORGAN KC

CALL: 1988 KC: 2011



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 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 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)

"A freezing order specialist with an encyclopaedic knowledge and grasp of the technicalities and procedures in this field." "An excellent strategic thinker."

Chambers UK Fraud: Civil (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)