

Simon Salzedo QC

YEAR OF CALL: 1995 YEAR OF SILK: 2011

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The Legal 500 2017

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Practice Overview

Simon Salzedo QC is a leading advocate who is accessible, user-friendly and commercially minded. Simon is recommended by the legal directories for Commercial Dispute Resolution, Civil Fraud, Banking and Finance, International Arbitration, Insurance & Reinsurance, Professional Negligence and Professional Discipline.

As joint author of the leading practitioner work on *Conflicts of Interest* and confidential information, now in its 5th edition, Simon has specialist knowledge in that field and frequently advises professionals (especially lawyers) and their clients on conflicts issues. Simon is also a qualified Chartered Accountant (FCA) and lead author of *Accountants' Negligence and Liability*. Simon is currently writing a book on SPA related claims, *Fraud and Breach of Warranty*, due for publication in late 2019.

As well as Court work in England, Simon has appeared before the courts of the Cayman Islands, the British Virgin Islands, the Isle of Man and Bermuda and he regularly appears in arbitrations under LCIA, ICC and other rules. He is joint author of an annotated guide to the UK Arbitration Act 1996 and a contributor to an annotation of the 2013 SIAC Rules. Simon has substantial experience in all forms of injunctive relief, jurisdiction disputes and the enforcement of judgments and arbitration awards.

Simon is a Director of Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund Limited.

Appellate and trial advocacy

“a genuinely gifted advocate before judges” (The Legal 500, 2018-19)

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“a first-class advocate” (The Legal 500, 2017)

“A very compelling advocate”; “His strength on his feet and his superior cross-examination skills win praise from the market”

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"an extremely charming and effective advocate" (Who's Who Legal, 2017)

"A consummate performer and a brilliant advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2015)

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Simon has substantial trial experience, but he particularly relishes the unique challenge of appellate advocacy. He does not merely present his client's case, but argues it to maximise the likelihood of persuading the tribunal. Even as a junior, Simon regularly appeared unled in the Court of Appeal, winning cases like *Stewart v Engel* [2000] 1 WLR 2268 (an important decision on the Judge's power to revise his own judgment); *Masri v Consolidated Contractors* [2009] QB 450 (ground breaking case about the jurisdiction to appoint a receiver in aid of enforcement over foreign assets); *Masri v Consolidated Contractors* [2009] QB 503 (anti-suit injunction); and *Pegasus v Ernst & Young* [2010] 3 All ER 297 (accrual of cause of action in tort for limitation purposes).

Simon's more recent Court of Appeal victories include *Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton* [2019] 1 WLR 4610 (scope of duty principle applied to audit claim); *Playboy v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro* [2018] EWCA Civ 2025, [2019] LLR 90 (no abuse of process in deceit claim based on banker's reference); *UBS v KWL* [2017] 2 Lloyd's Rep 621 (discretionary fund manager was negligent and nine figure damages fully recoverable) and *Lush v Gerrie* [2017] 2 BCLC 456 (construction of Articles of Association re pre-emption rights).

Simon has argued substantive appeals in the Privy Council and in the Supreme Court. Most recently, Simon appeared for the appellant in *Playboy Club London Ltd v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro* [2018] UKSC 43; [2018] 1 WLR 4041, where Lord Mance described his arguments as *"ingenious and well-presented"*. His oral submissions can be viewed on the Supreme Court website [here](#).

In 2019 Simon was nominated for Advocate of the Year in the inaugural *Legal Week Commercial Litigation & Arbitration Awards*.

Commercial

"Simon really knows his subject, and he's extremely bright, tactically astute and easy to work with." (Chambers & Partners, 2019)

"A tremendous team player and very effective, economical, forensic advocate and cross-examiner." (The Legal 500, 2018-19)

"A "master of detail" who is regularly instructed in large disputes in the Commercial Court. His strength on his feet and his superior cross-examination skills win praise from the market. He is particularly well regarded for his expertise in conflicts of law cases and accountancy-related disputes." (Chambers & Partners, 2017)

Simon appeared in two of the largest banking cases to emerge from the financial crisis: *JP Morgan v BVG* and *UBS v KWL* [2017] 2 Lloyd's Rep 621. He was instructed in the \$5 billion *HP/Autonomy* claim [2018] EWHC 2105 (Ch) and represented the Club in the Supreme Court appeal in *Playboy Club v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro SpA* [2018] UKSC 43; [2018] 1 WLR 4041 and in the further instalment in the Court of Appeal at [2018] EWCA Civ 2025, [2019] LLR 90.

Simon's other recent general commercial cases include *Marashen v Kenvett* [2018] 1 WLR 288 (service out of the jurisdiction, Russia, Hague Service Convention); *Cosmetic Warriors v Gerrie* [2017] 2 BCLC 456 (interpretation of expert valuation provisions in pre-emption rights in the articles of association of Lush); *Gerald Metals v Timis* [2016] EWHC 2327 (Ch) (asset freezing injunction, arbitration, LCIA emergency procedure, risk of dissipation); *CitizenM v Chil* [2016] EWCA Civ 771 (joint venture agreement for development of hotel); *Europa v Anthracite* [2016] EWHC 437 (Comm) (construction of termination agreement arising from Lehman investment vehicle); *Tchenguiz Discretionary Trust v Serious Fraud Office*

[2015] EWHC 266 (Comm) (collateral use of disclosed documents, abuse of process); *Ageas v Kwik-Fit* [2013] EWHC 3261 (QB) (breach of warranty, notice provisions, service); *Simmons & Simmons v Hickox* [2014] 3 Costs LO (indemnity costs); *Porton v 3M* [2011] EWHC 2895 (Comm) (6 week Commercial Court trial of earnout damages claim); *Servier v Apotex* [2011] RPC 20 (application of ex turpi policy to damages claim); *Nomihold v Mobile Telesystems Finance* [2011] EWHC 337 (Comm) (freezing injunctions, cross-undertakings, enforcement of arbitration award); *Mobile Telesystems Finance v Nomihold* [2012] 1 Lloyd's Rep 6; (appeal in relation to freezing order and the ordinary course of business exception); *Porton v 3M* [2010] EWHC 114 (Comm) (interaction between confidentiality obligations and the principle that there is "no property in a witness"); *Lilly Icos v 8PM Chemist* [2010] FSR 4 (trial of inquiry into damages on cross-undertaking, involving the effect of illegality on the damages claim).

From 2004 to 2011, Simon acted for the successful Claimant in the *Masri v Consolidated Contractors litigation*, since 2007 as leading advocate. This litigation ended in 2011 with the payment of the judgment debts in full. Simon's instructing solicitors won the FT Innovative Lawyer award for the ground-breaking receivership orders obtained in this case.

Simon's involvement in *Masri* spanned numerous applications and appeals, including: jurisdiction dispute in the Commercial Court and the Court of Appeal [2006] 1 WLR 830; Commercial Court trials of liability and quantum; application to the Court of Appeal to strike out the defendants' appeal [2007] EWCA Civ 702; cross-appeal as to quantum [2007] 2 CLC 49; anti-suit injunction [2009] QB 503; freezing orders and orders for the appointment of a receiver over foreign assets and future debts [2009] QB 450; ground-breaking (and successful) application to the House of Lords to strike out a petition unless the judgment was paid; oral application in the House of Lords concerning leave to appeal and a possible reference to the European Court of Justice; Commercial Court hearing [2008] 1 CLC 878 and appeal [2009] 1 CLC 82 concerning the interaction of a receivership order with a Lebanese blocking order; appeals up to the House of Lords concerning jurisdictional aspects of examination under CPR Part 71 of the defendants' directors [2010] 1 AC 90; appeal relating to disclosure issues arising on a contempt application [2011] CP Rep 20; applications for an innovative suite of receivership, arbitration and asset preservation orders [2011] EWHC 409 (Comm) and [2011] EWHC 837 (Comm), [2011] Arb LR 12; appeal raising comity issues at [2011] 2 CLC 566; strike out of Privy Council appeal as abuse of process [2011] UKPC 29, 78 WIR 141.

Civil fraud

"*Hard-working, clear and a good tactician.*" "*Level-headed, calm and technically brilliant.*" (Chambers & Partners, 2019)

"*One of the best: clear-thinking, responsive, and a first-class advocate.*" (The Legal 500, 2017).

Much of Simon's work involves making or defending allegations of fraud in a commercial context.

Simon represents Slater & Gordon in its £600 million fraud claim against Quindell arising out of the sale of Quindell's Legal Services Division, which is due for trial in October 2019.

Simon represented the former President of Olympus Corporation in a Chancery Division trial of claims of dishonest breach of fiduciary duty and conspiracy relating to the group's employee benefit trust. All the claims against Simon's two clients were dismissed: see *KeyMed v Hillman and another* [2019] EWHC 485 (Ch).

Simon has recently succeeded in the Court of Appeal on the important question whether it is an abuse of process to bring a fraud claim after trial of a negligence allegation arising out of the same factual background: *Playboy v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro* [2018] EWCA Civ 2025, [2019] LLR 90.

Banking and finance

"A tremendous team player and very effective, economical, forensic advocate and cross-examiner." (The Legal 500, 2018-19)

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Simon was part of KWL's winning team in the 14 week trial and 2 week appeal of *UBS v KWL* [2014] EWHC 3615 (Comm), [2017] EWCA Civ 1567, [2017] 2 Lloyd's Rep 621, concerning complex Single Tranche Collateralised Debt Obligations and issues of bribery, fraudulent misrepresentation, dishonest assistance in breach of fiduciary duty, capacity under German law and negligent portfolio management.

Simon appeared at the trial of *JP Morgan v BVG* (as well as the earlier jurisdiction battle reported at [2010] QB 276 (Teare J) and [2012] QB 176 (CA)), arising from a \$200m credit default swap transaction, including the reported jurisdiction battle and also the trial involving issues of fraudulent misrepresentation, mistake and capacity under German law, which settled after the factual evidence had been heard.

In *Playboy Club v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro SpA* [2018] UKSC 43; [2018] 1 WLR 4041, Simon represents a casino group which sued a bank for negligence and deceit following a faulty credit reference. The question of the bank's duty of care in such a case was decided by the [Supreme Court](#). In relation to the fraud claim in the case, the Court of Appeal has decided that it can proceed, overturning a strike out a first instance based on abuse of process: [2018] EWCA Civ 2025, [2019] LLR 90.

In *Erste Bank v JSC Red October* [2015] 1 CLC 706 Simon represented the bank in a conspiracy claim for \$20m against various companies ultimately controlled by the Russian State which was the subject of judgments on jurisdiction involving issues of the governing law of a tort, the necessary and proper party gateway and *forum conveniens*.

Simon led for Sir Keith Mills in his high profile claim against Coutts & Co for misselling AIG Bonds. Shortly before trial Coutts & Co admitted liability and a settlement was agreed after Simon had opened the case.

Chancery: commercial

Simon has substantial experience in commercial disputes in the Chancery Division involving company law, accounting, taxation, trusts, pensions and intellectual property issues. As a qualified accountant, he is fully comfortable with company and insolvency law issues.

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In *Cosmetic Warriors v Gerrie* [2017] EWCA 324, [2017] 2 BCLC 456, Simon was entirely successful on several preliminary issues of construction of pre-emption provisions in the Articles of Association of the Lush Cosmetics group.

In *Gerald Metals v Timis* [2016] EWHC 2327 (Ch), Simon represented professional trustees successfully resisting the making of a freezing order.

Simon has been involved in the commercial aspects of several intellectual property disputes, including *Lilly Icos v 8PM Chemist* [2010] FSR 4; *Les Laboratoires Servier v Apotex* [2011] RPC 20; *Generics (UK) Ltd v Yeda* [2012] EWCA Civ 726, [2013] FSR 13.

Simon also regularly appears in professional negligence claims in the Chancery Division like *Pegasus v EY* [2010] 3 All ER 297 (tax advice, limitation); *Dennard v PricewaterhouseCoopers* [2010] EWHC 812 (Ch) (share valuation, conflicts of interest, UCTA).

Insurance and reinsurance

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Simon has appeared in several confidential arbitrations concerning insurance disputes.

His reported insurance cases in Court include *Standard Life v Ace and others* [2012] Lloyd's Rep IR 655, a financial services liability insurance coverage dispute in which Simon's client obtained judgment for around £100 million. Simon also appeared in the Court of Appeal, which upheld the judgment, rejecting insurers' argument for apportionment based on marine insurance principles: [2013] 1 All ER (Comm) 1371.

Arbitration

"Phenomenally thorough. He really knows his stuff." "Incredibly bright." (Chambers & Partners, 2019)

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Simon is the author (with Richard Lord Q.C.) of the Guide to the Arbitration Act 1996 and is an author of an annotation to the 2013 SIAC Rules.

Simon's reported High Court arbitration applications include *Gerald Metals v Timis* [2016] EWHC 2327 (Ch) (power of Court rather than Tribunal to grant a freezing order in case of urgency), *Mobile Telesystems Finance v Nomihold* [2012] 1 Lloyd's Rep 6 (freezing order in support of enforcement of award) and *Terna v Bin Kamil Al Shamsi* [2013] 1 Lloyd's Rep 86 (challenges under s 67 and s 68 Arbitration Act 1996; extension of time; anti-suit injunction restraining challenges elsewhere).

Simon has appeared in numerous arbitration hearings, both international and domestic, including under ICC and LCIA rules as counsel. The subject matters have included disputes between banks and clients, reinsurance, insurance, ship building and ship sales, mobile telephone agreements, defence contracts, the supply of machinery, long term steel supply contracts, joint ventures from credit cards to mining and other commercial disputes. Substantive witness hearings in which Simon has acted as sole or leading advocate have included an ICC arbitration in Paris between a sugar refiner and a supplier of packing machinery, an ad hoc arbitration in London between insurer and insured about the latter's attempt to bring a \$200m collateral claim in Texas, an LCIA arbitration between two Russian companies concerning a land transaction, an LCIA arbitration concerning a claim on trade credit insurance and an ICC arbitration of an €80m claim arising from the privatisation of an eastern European telecommunications company.

Simon is a member of the LCIA and accepts appointments to sit as arbitrator.

Private international law

Simon has considerable experience in conflicts of laws.

His reported cases involving the conflict of laws include:

Marashen v Kenvett [2018] 1 WLR 288 (service out of the jurisdiction, Russia, Hague Service Convention).

Erste Bank v JSC Red October [2015] 1 CLC 706, where Simon represented the bank in a conspiracy claim for \$20m against various companies ultimately controlled by the Russian State which was the subject of judgments on jurisdiction involving issues of the governing law of a tort, the necessary and proper party gateway and *forum conveniens*.

JP Morgan v BVG [2010] QB 276 (Teare J) and [2012] QB 176 (CA), arising from a \$200m credit default swap transaction, where jurisdiction was disputed as between England and Germany.

Joujou v Masri [2011] 2 CLC 566 (CA) (whether comity inhibited the Court from making an order against a company in administration overseas and/or from naming the administrators in a penal notice).

Masri v Consolidated Contractors and others (No 4) [2010] 1 AC 90 (jurisdiction to order foreign director of judgment debtor company to give evidence as to assets).

Masri v Consolidated Contractors and others [2006] 1 WLR 830 (close connection of claims under Article 6).

Professional negligence

"He is extremely perceptive of the strengths and weaknesses of any scenario and is also a genuinely gifted advocate before judges." (The Legal 500, 2018-19)

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Simon "acts for claimants and defendants across a range of issues, and is highly commended for his high-profile accountants' negligence work. 'He has good tactical awareness, is calm and unflappable, and is good at balancing the legal issues with human and commercial considerations.'" (Chambers & Partners 2015).

Simon is lead author of the only full length work on accountants' liability and negligence. He has expertise in all forms of financial and legal (solicitor's and barrister's) professional negligence and disciplinary issues including auditing, taxation, valuation, financial advice and investment management.

His reported cases in this field include:

Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton [2018] EWHC 963 (Comm), [2018] PNLR 27 where Simon's client, an auditor which admitted negligence, was found liable at trial for less than 1% of the sums claimed, mainly based on the application of the scope of duty ('SAAMCO') principle. Simon successfully defended the result in the Court of Appeal, which gave an important decision about the proper application of the principle [2019] EWCA Civ 40, [2019] 1 WLR 4610.

UBS v KWL [2014] EWHC 3615 (Comm), [2017] EWCA Civ 1567, [2017] 2 Lloyd's Rep 621 where Simon led for

KWL on its successful claim against UBS Global Asset Managers for negligence in the management of a portfolio of credit default swaps, causing loss of some \$400m.

Heather Capital v KPMG Isle of Man High Court of Justice ORD 2013/36, 17 November 2015, where Simon successfully resisted an application to strike out a claim against auditors for some £100 million, dealing with issues of scope of duty and legal causation.

Barclays Bank v Grant Thornton [2015] 2 BCLC 537 in which Simon obtained summary judgment for his client, Grant Thornton, on a £50 million claim based on the disclaimer in its audit report.

Pegasus v Ernst & Young [2012] EWHC 738 (Ch), [2012] PNLR 24, [2012] STI 1387, where a claim for tax losses was assigned together with the shares of the companies which would suffer the losses, this decision considered whether the assignee could carry on the assignor's claim for damages even though no such loss would any longer be suffered by the assignor ("transferred loss").

Dennard v PricewaterhouseCoopers [2010] EWHC 812 (Ch) which concerned a share valuation for vendors. The claim also raised issues about conflicts of interest in the context of valuation and the reasonableness of a limitation of liability.

Pegasus v Ernst & Young [2009] PNLR 11 (Lewison J) and [2010] 3 All ER 297 (CA), in which a substantial claim against Simon's client was in part dismissed summarily for lack of duty of care and another part of the claim was found to be time barred after consideration of the long line of cases from *Forster v Outred* to *Sephton v Law Society*.

In 2019 Simon was nominated for Professional Negligence Silk of the Year in the Chambers & Partners Bar Awards.

Professional discipline

Simon has substantial experience of solicitors' conduct issues, especially those arising from conflicts of interest, and of FRC proceedings against accountants. He has advised on many such cases and conducted a 4 week FRC hearing in front of a 5 person accountancy and actuarial tribunal on behalf of KPMG and two individual partners.

Energy and natural resources

Simon has frequently undertaken energy related work. The *Masri v Consolidated Contractors* saga related to oil interests. Other instructions have included major disputes in arbitration relating to a mining joint venture and to a UK steel offtake agreement and a tax claim arising out of long term gas supply contract.

Public Law

In silk, Simon has developed his interest in policy issues and public law, settling written submissions for the Law Society in *Belhadj v Security Service* (Investigatory Powers Tribunal, 29.4.15) on issues of privilege and for an intervenor in the Article 50 case in the Supreme Court on constitutional issues [2018] AC 61.

Publications

Accountants' Negligence and Liability (with Tony Singla), Bloomsbury Professional, 2016.

Conflicts of Interest (with Charles Hollander Q.C.), Sweet & Maxwell, 5th ed 2016.

Guide to the Arbitration Act 1996 (with Richard Lord Q.C.), Cavendish, 1996.

Annotated Guide to the Singapore International Arbitration Centre Rules (with others), Lexis-Nexis, 2014.

"Caparo Revisited: To Whom Is the Auditor's Duty Now Owed?" (2015) 9 JIBFL 547

"When can an Opposing Solicitor be Trusted?" (2018) 6 JIBLF 339.

"No big bets": Court of Appeal upholds negligence claim against portfolio manager (2018) 9 JIBFL 553

Qualifications

Simon was awarded the top PPE first in his year at Oxford with congratulations from the examiners, qualified as a chartered accountant with Price Waterhouse (ACA, 1993, FCA 2010) and came to the bar at Brick Court Chambers in 1995, from where he has practised ever since. He was the Eldon Scholar of the University of Oxford in 1995 and a Wolfson, Cassel and Hardwicke Scholar of Lincoln's Inn. He took silk in 2011.

Directory Quotes

"His diligence and the quality of his oral advocacy are very impressive." "He's very good on technical financial matters." (Chambers & Partners 2019, Banking & Finance)

"Simon really knows his subject, and he's extremely bright, tactically astute and easy to work with." "He has a detailed and analytical mind, and his accountancy background helps in finance disputes." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2019, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Hard-working, clear and a good tactician." "Level-headed, calm and technically brilliant." (Chambers & Partners 2019, Fraud: Civil)

"Phenomenally thorough." "An expert in insurance matters. Precise, clear and thorough." (Chambers & Partners 2019, Insurance)

"Phenomenally thorough. He really knows his stuff." "Incredibly bright." (Chambers & Partners 2019, International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance)

"He would be your first point of call for audit-related cases. He has a great depth of understanding in the accountancy and audit field." (Chambers & Partners 2019, Professional Negligence)

'An excellent, measured advocate, who is a good tactician and has a good manner with clients.' (The Legal 500 2018-19, Banking & Finance)

'A tremendous team player and very effective, economical, forensic advocate and cross-examiner.' (The Legal 500 2018-19, Commercial Litigation)

'Immerses himself in the detail and puts in long hours himself.' (The Legal 500 2018-19, Civil Fraud)

'He has a great knack of reading the tribunal and knows how far to push a point.' (The Legal 500 2018-19, International Arbitration)

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advocate before judges.' (The Legal 500 2018-19, Professional Negligence)

"He is phenomenally bright, easy to work with and someone who gets on well with clients." (Chambers & Partners 2018, Banking and Finance)

"He's tenacious in getting to grips with a matter, his judgement's excellent and he works incredibly hard." "A barrister with a detailed and analytical mind who has outstanding legal knowledge." (Chambers & Partners 2018, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Hard-working, clear and a good tactician." "Excellent with clients and very approachable." (Chambers & Partners 2018, Fraud: Civil)

"Clear in his advice and works well in a team." "He has judges in his thrall and leaves no stone unturned." "Knows his stuff inside and out, and is extremely intelligent but also commercially-minded." (Chambers & Partners 2018, Insurance)

"His work has been first-class. He is a great advocate who holds the attention of the tribunal and cleverly and simply articulates complex arguments. His clarity of thought and ability to get up to speed on a case very quickly are real strengths." (Chambers & Partners 2018, International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance)

"Very bright, pre-eminent on accounting issues and a pleasure to deal with." "An accountant by training, Simon is an excellent choice for advice in this area, though his practice extends well beyond. He is bright, sensible and user-friendly." (Chambers & Partners 2018, Professional Negligence)

"An exceptional performer and a completely safe pair of hands for heavy financial cases." (The Legal 500 2017, Banking and Finance)

"One of the best: clear-thinking, responsive, and a first-class advocate." (The Legal 500 2017, Civil Fraud)

"Excellent, and his command of accounting policies and techniques is a real asset." (The Legal 500 2017, Commercial Litigation)

"He is excellent to work with, very clever and gives clear and robust advice." (The Legal 500 2017, International Arbitration)

"Tremendously insightful and is very quick to spot the critical points." (The Legal 500 2017, Professional Negligence)

"He has good judgement, is obviously bright and good in conference." (The Legal 500 2017, Professional Discipline and Regulatory Law)

"Simon Salzedo QC is described as "an extremely charming and effective advocate". His practice encompasses a wide range of marine and non-marine claims." (Who's Who Legal - UK Bar: Insurance & Reinsurance 2017)

"A very compelling advocate who is absolutely accessible." (Chambers & Partners 2017, International Arbitration)

"Very bright, pre-eminent on difficult accounting issues and a pleasure to deal with." "The combination of his accountancy background and his formidable knowledge of the law is a real strength." (Chambers & Partners 2017, Professional Negligence)

"He is highly intelligent and very sharp witted." (Chambers & Partners 2017, Insurance)

"He's extremely well known on the civil fraud circuit." "He is very available, very hard-working, clear and a good tactician." (Chambers & Partners 2017, Fraud: Civil)

"He is very, very precise, is strong in cross-examination and has a huge brain." "Very bright and good to deal with."

(Chambers & Partners 2017, Banking & Finance)

"Understated, collected and incredibly impressive on his feet." "A barrister with outstanding legal knowledge and a detail-focused and analytical mind who is perfect for complex financial disputes." (Chambers & Partners 2017, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Superb; it is not often you get a barrister who thinks in a truly different way." (The Legal 500 2016, Banking & Finance)

"A brilliant leader and very nimble on his feet." (The Legal 500 2016, Commercial Litigation)

"Intelligent and tenacious – a strong advocate." (The Legal 500 2016, International Arbitration: Counsel)

"As a former accountant, he brings a real understanding of this area." (The Legal 500 2016, Professional Discipline and Regulatory Law)

"Extremely clever with very strong analytical skills." (The Legal 500 2016, Professional Negligence)

"He distils complex issues into simple, practical advice for the client. Commercially minded and extremely responsive, he has excellent attention to detail." "Astute and perceptive. He knows when to lead and when to listen." (Chambers & Partners 2016, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Hugely impressive. Not just bright but also tactically superb and good on procedural issues." (Chambers & Partners 2016, Insurance)

"Has advocacy expertise combined with real-world knowledge, which means he can happily talk the language clients understand." (Chambers & Partners 2016, Civil Fraud)

"He is incredibly bright and he is very good at figuring out the argument. He also bends over himself to be as accommodating as possible and his advocacy is incredibly good too." (Chambers & Partners 2016, International Arbitration)

"Simon is super-bright and grasps complex instructions very quickly. He is approachable and easy to work with, gives quick turnaround times and will go the extra mile to help out even if instructed at short notice for difficult clients. He wins the respect of clients and judges alike and is a very persuasive advocate" (Chambers & Partners 2016, Professional Negligence)

"A standout barrister who gets great results and is excellent at reading the court." (The Legal 500 2015, Commercial Litigation)

"One of the first choices on a complex financial services case" (The Legal 500 2015, Banking and Finance)

"He is super-bright, very commercial and grasps complex issues very quickly" (The Legal 500 2015, Professional Negligence)

"Sharp, incisive and very hardworking; his advocacy is first rate and he thinks on his feet." (The Legal 500 2015, International Arbitration)

"A superb advocate who is very nimble on his feet and very easy to get on with." "A consummate performer and a brilliant advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2015, Commercial Litigation)

"His advocacy is second to none and you feel he really believes in every point." (Chambers & Partners 2015,

Insurance)

“Intelligent and tenacious, he's a strong advocate.” (Chambers & Partners 2015, International Arbitration)

“He has good tactical awareness, is calm and unflappable, and is good at balancing the legal issues with human and commercial considerations.” (Chambers & Partners 2015, Professional Negligence).

“A very bright lawyer with a wide caseload; excellent with clients.” (The Legal 500 2014, Banking & Finance)

“He performs very strongly in court, reading the judges particularly well.” (The Legal 500 2014, Commercial Litigation)

“Simon is a technically superb, crisp and clear advocate who is excellent to work with.” “His advocacy is compelling. He is passionate about his arguments and draws people along with him.” (Chambers & Partners 2014, Commercial Litigation)

“His ability to think on his feet is excellent, and his drafting and written advice are extremely good.” “He's intelligent, practical, constructive and easy to deal with.” (Chambers & Partners 2014, Professional Negligence)

“He is practical, has a hands-on approach and is commercially minded.” (Chambers & Partners 2014, International Arbitration)

“can turn his mind to quite literally anything” (Legal 500 2013, Commercial Litigation)

“Simon Salzedo QC is noted for his combination of *'huge intellect, clear and calm judgement, and willingness to go for the jugular when needed'*” (Legal 500 2013, Banking and Finance)

“Simon Salzedo QC is *'a great all-rounder; user friendly, responsive, very able, and good with clients'*” (Legal 500 2013, International Arbitration)

“A “crisp and clear advocate,” he is a lawyer whose “imaginative and creative” approach to legal quandaries has proven a godsend to many a solicitor in dire straits.” (Chambers & Partners 2013, Commercial Litigation)

“fantastically user-friendly, and provides a high-quality of service throughout the duration of a case.” (Chambers & Partners 2013, Insurance)

“extraordinarily broad practice expertise, excellent judgement calls and strong rapport with clients” (The Legal 500 2012, Commercial Litigation)

“The ‘hugely talented’ Simon Salzedo QC is ‘a pleasure to work with, very responsive, and remains unusually calm under pressure’.” (The Legal 500 2012, International Arbitration)

“Star performer” (The Legal 500 2012, Banking)