

## Tony Singla KC

YEAR OF CALL: 2007 YEAR OF SILK: 2021

*"An absolute star of the Bar" "A total superstar at the Bar - Tony is brilliant to work with" "One of the cleverest silks at the Bar"*

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## Practice Overview

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Tony Singla KC is a leading advocate who represents clients in a broad range of complex and high-value commercial, competition, and financial disputes. He is widely recognised as *"one of the go-to silks at the Commercial Bar"* (Chambers & Partners).

Tony has extensive trial experience in the High Court and the Competition Appeal Tribunal and is regularly instructed in substantial international arbitrations. He is especially sought after for cases requiring extensive cross-examination of factual and expert witnesses. Tony also has a substantial appellate practice, having appeared on numerous occasions in the Court of Appeal as well as in the Supreme Court and the Privy Council.

The legal directories describe Tony as *"one of the cleverest silks at the Bar"*, *"an absolute genius"*, *"phenomenally good"*, and *"totally exceptional in every way"*.

Tony has an outstanding reputation as an advocate (*"as an advocate, he stands head and shoulders above almost all of his peers"*, *"an exceptional advocate"*, *"incredibly good on his feet"*, *"a formidable advocate"*, *"a great cross-examiner"*).

He is also well known for being very user-friendly (*"highly personable"*, *"absolutely fantastic to work with"*, *"extremely popular with solicitors"*, *"terrific manner with clients"*, *"really shows commitment to the cause"*).

Tony is recommended as a leading silk in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 in seven fields: Banking and Finance, Civil Fraud, Commercial Litigation, Competition Law, Group Litigation, Insurance, and Professional Negligence. He has acted in many high-profile and high-value cases in each of these areas, and he was recently identified by *The Lawyer* as one of the top ranked barristers in its *Top 20 Cases* over the last ten years. In particular, Tony is one of the leading

practitioners at the Bar in group litigation such as shareholder claims under FSMA and competition class actions.

Tony represents clients such as FTSE 100 companies, investment banks, private equity funds, professional services firms, tech companies, and sports teams and regulators. Current and recent clients include: AerCap, Barclays, Citigroup, Dell, Deloitte, FIFA, Glencore, KPMG, Meta, Microsoft, PwC, Qualcomm, and Revolut.

Prior to taking silk, Tony was one of the leading juniors at the Commercial Bar. He was awarded Commercial Litigation Junior of the Year at the Chambers Bar Awards and was featured by *The Lawyer* in its "Hot 100" and by Chambers & Partners as one of the junior "Stars at the Bar".

Tony is the co-author of *Accountants' Negligence and Liability* (2nd edition, 2021) and a contributing author of *Competition Litigation: UK Practice and Procedure* (2nd edition, 2019). Between 2006 and 2011, Tony was a Retained Lecturer in Law at Oxford University where he taught Contract Law and Competition Law.

Tony is a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn, an elected member of the Bar Council, and he also sits on the Estates Committee of Marylebone Cricket Club.

## Commercial

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Tony is recommended for Commercial Litigation in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. He is described in Chambers & Partners as "*one of the go-to silks at the Commercial Bar*".

Tony is regularly instructed as the lead advocate in heavy applications and trials in the Commercial Court and Chancery Division. He is especially sought after for cases requiring extensive cross-examination of factual and expert witnesses.

Tony is also an experienced appellate advocate, having appeared on numerous occasions in the Court of Appeal as well as in the Supreme Court and Privy Council.

Tony has acted in many of the highest-profile and highest-value commercial cases in recent years. In addition to the notable cases listed below by reference to particular practice areas, Tony acted in the Privy Council in *Anheuser-Busch International Ltd v Commonwealth Brewery Ltd* [2026] UKPC 8 (the leading case on what constitutes a reasonable notice period of termination) and he has acted in a number of important decisions concerning privilege including *Aabar Holdings S.á.r.l. & Ors v Glencore Plc* [2026] EWHC 877 (Comm) (legal advice privilege in respect of internal client communications), *Aabar Holdings S.á.r.l. v Glencore Plc* [2024] EWHC 3046 (Comm) (privilege between a company and its shareholders), and *ENRC v Dechert* [2016] EWCA Civ 375 (implied waiver of privilege).

Tony has extensive experience of acting in general commercial disputes concerning (for example)

distributorship agreements, joint venture agreements, litigation funding agreements, share purchase agreements, and shareholder agreements. He is frequently instructed in breach of warranty claims.

Prior to taking silk, Tony was one of the leading juniors at the Commercial Bar. In 2014 he was awarded Commercial Litigation Junior of the Year at the Chambers Bar Awards, in 2018 he was nominated as Commercial Litigation Junior of the Year by Legal 500.

## Arbitration

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Tony has a substantial arbitration practice and is regularly instructed as the lead advocate in hearings before arbitral tribunals (LCIA, ICC, and other rules). He is currently instructed in a number of ongoing international arbitrations which are confidential. His past experience includes high-value arbitrations seated in London, Mauritius, and Lisbon. For example, he acted in *Republic of Djibouti v DP World* (\$2 billion arbitration involving allegations of bribery and corruption in Africa).

Tony also has extensive experience of arbitration-related applications in the Commercial Court, including applications for interim relief under section 44, applications to set aside awards under sections 67-69 of the Arbitration Act 1996, and applications for stays under section 9 (for example *Uconinvest LLC v Jysan Holding LLC & Ors (Re Jusan Technologies Ltd)* [2024] EWHC 1532 (Ch)).

Tony also acted in *Nomihold Securities v Mobile Telesystems Finance*, a long-running enforcement dispute which involved an application to set aside registration of a \$200 million LCIA arbitration award on the basis of fraud and an application for a worldwide freezing order in aid of execution of the award (which led to an appeal to the Court of Appeal on the scope of the ordinary course of business exception: [2011] EWCA Civ 1040).

## Banking and finance

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Tony is recommended for Banking and Finance in Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, and Who's Who Legal. He has extensive experience of shareholder actions under FSMA, as well as cases concerning cryptocurrencies, derivatives mis-selling, mortgage-backed securitisations, and allegations of FX and LIBOR rigging. His current and recent clients include Barclays, Citigroup, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, Lloyds Banking Group. He has also acted for fintech companies, fund managers, private equity firms, sovereign wealth funds, and high net-worth individuals in cases involving complex banking and financial transactions.

Notable cases include:

- *Re Thames Water* – acting for the Class B creditors in the high-profile dispute about the £3 billion restructuring of Thames Water under Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006 [2025] EWCA Civ 475, [2025] EWHC 369 (Ch), [2025] EWHC 338 (Ch), [2025] EWHC 84 (Ch)
- *Fiesta Hotels and Resorts v Deutsche Bank* – \$500 million derivatives mis-selling claim
- *Uzbekov v Revolut* [2024] EWHC 98 (KB) – acting for Revolut in successful strike out of high-profile “de-banking” claim
- *BSV Claims Limited v Bittylicious Limited and others* – acting for a defendant in a multi-billion class action against four major cryptocurrency exchanges
- Acting for Barclays Plc in defending a group action brought by shareholders under sections 90 and 90A FSMA 2000
- Acting for Glencore Plc in defending numerous claims brought by shareholders under sections 90 and 90A FSMA 2000
- Acting for Serco Plc in defending a group action brought by shareholders under section 90A FSMA 2000
- Acting for Citigroup in the high-profile *FX Litigation* in the High Court and the Competition Appeal Tribunal
- *Old Mutual International v Leonteq AG* – acting for Leonteq in defending a substantial mis-selling claim in the Commercial Court
- *The Public Institution for Social Security v Al Rajaan and others* – acting for Banque Mirabaud in defending a claim to recover alleged secret commissions worth hundreds of millions
- *Republic of Mozambique v Credit Suisse* – acting for Credit Suisse in defending a claim for rescission of State guarantees for \$2 billion loans on the basis of alleged bribery and fraud
- *Fundo Soberano de Angola v Dos Santos* – acting for the Sovereign Wealth Fund of Angola in claim to recover \$3 billion of assets alleged to have been fraudulently misappropriated
- *The Lloyds/HBOS Litigation* – [2015] EWHC 2681 (Ch), [2015] EWHC 2685 (Ch), [2015] EWHC 3007 (Ch), [2015] EWHC 3219 (Ch), [2015] EWHC 3220 (Ch), [2015] EWHC 4873 (Ch), [2015] EWHC 4874 (Ch), [2016] EWHC 412 (Ch), [2016] EWHC 776 (Ch), [2017] EWHC B17 (Ch), [2017] EWHC 141 (Ch), [2017] EWHC 3390 (Ch), [2019] EWHC 3096 (Ch), [2020] EWHC 1870 (Ch) – acting successfully for Lloyds Banking Group and its former directors in 5 month trial of claims brought by over 6,000 shareholders arising out of Lloyds’ acquisition of HBOS in 2008 during the global financial crisis
- *Rowe v Ingenious Media* – acting for Ingenious Media in defence of group litigation brought by hundreds of investors in its film finance investment schemes
- *Credit Suisse v HMRC* [2019] EWHC 1922 (Ch) – acting for Credit Suisse in a £230 million claim for recovery of bank payroll tax
- *Terra Firma v Citibank* – \$2 billion claim by Terra Firma against Citibank arising out of Terra

Firma's acquisition of EMI

- Acting for a private equity firm in a very substantial claim concerning improper financial accounting
- *Bank of Moscow v JFC Group* - Commercial Court proceedings concerning a \$150 million loan facility agreement and related guarantees
- *Belltrey Corporation v Newcote International* [2013] EWHC 3500 (Ch) - Chancery Division trial concerning the validity of a demand for security in respect of a £200 million loan
- *VTB Capital plc v Nutritek International Corp* [2013] UKSC 5 - Supreme Court appeal concerning a £200 million loan facility agreement
- *Salkeld Investments Ltd v West One Loans Ltd* [2012] EWHC 2701 (QB) - claim against a bridging finance company to recover losses suffered as a result of a mortgage fraud

## Civil fraud

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Tony is recommended for Civil Fraud in Chambers & Partners. He is regularly instructed in cases involving freezing injunctions, Norwich Pharmacal orders, and enforcement issues. He has also appeared in a number of trials involving allegations of deceit, conspiracy, bribery and corruption. He recently acted in the first civil trial in this jurisdiction concerning a cyber-attack.

Notable cases include:

- *Veranova Bidco LP v Johnson Matthey PLC* [2025] EWHC 7070 (Comm) – successfully resisting summary judgment application in high-value fraud proceedings concerning representations made in a draft disclosure letter
- *The Public Institution for Social Security v Al Rajaan and others* [2022] EWCA Civ 29 and [2020] EWHC 2979 (Comm) - claim to recover alleged secret commissions worth hundreds of millions
- *Lonestar Communications Corporation LLC v Daniel Kaye and others* [2023] EWHC 732 (Comm), [2023] EWHC 421 (Comm), [2020] EWHC 1890 (Comm), [2019] EWHC 3008 (Comm) - acting for the successful claimant in a substantial conspiracy case arising out of a cyber-attack in Liberia
- *Republic of Mozambique v Credit Suisse* - acting for Credit Suisse in defending claim for rescission of State guarantees for \$2 billion loans on the basis of alleged bribery and fraud
- *Quantum Care Ltd v Lalit Modi* [2023] EWCA Civ 171 – acting for Quantum Care in the Court of Appeal in a high-profile deceit case
- *Parsdome Holdings Limited v Plastic Energy Global* - acting for the defendant in a multi-

million deceit claim brought by former investor

- *Old Mutual International v Leonteq AG* - acting for Leonteq in defending a substantial mis-selling claim including allegations of deceit, conspiracy, dishonest assistance, and knowing receipt
- *Fundo Soberano de Angola v Dos Santos* - acting for the Sovereign Wealth Fund of Angola in claim to recover \$3 billion of assets alleged to have been fraudulently misappropriated
- *Republic of Djibouti v DP World* - acting for DP World in successful defence of a \$2 billion claim involving allegations of bribery and corruption in Africa
- *Terra Firma v Citibank* - \$2 billion fraud claim against Citibank arising out of Terra Firma's acquisition of EMI
- *Bank of Moscow v JFC Group* - \$150 million fraud claim and related committal proceedings arising out of a worldwide freezing order
- *Eclairs Group v JGX Oil & Gas plc* [2015] UKSC 71 - Supreme Court appeal concerning the duties of company directors in the context of an attempted "corporate raid" by shareholders
- *Michael Cherney v Oleg Deripaska* - \$4 billion Commercial Court claim relating to a disputed shareholding in Rusal
- *VTB Capital plc v Nutritek International Corp* [2013] UKSC 5 - Supreme Court appeal concerning jurisdiction in respect of fraud claims, piercing the corporate veil, and the discharge of a worldwide freezing order on the basis of material non-disclosure
- *Nomihold Securities v Mobile Telesystems Finance* [2012] 1 Lloyd's Rep 6 and [2011] EWHC 2143 (Comm) - application to set aside registration of a \$200 million LCIA arbitration award on the basis of fraud and an appeal to the Court of Appeal on the scope of the ordinary course of business exception in worldwide freezing orders
- *Bloomsbury International v Holyoake* [2010] EWHC 1150 (Ch) - £200 million fraud proceedings arising out of the collapse of the British Seafood group

## Competition

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Tony is recommended for Competition Law in Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, and Who's Who Legal.

Tony has considerable experience of the collective proceedings regime in the Competition Appeal Tribunal. He appeared in *Merricks v Mastercard* (acting for Mastercard) and is currently acting in *The Trucks Litigation* (acting for Iveco), *The FX Litigation* (acting for Citigroup), *Mark McLaren v MOL* (acting for K Line), *Which? v Qualcomm* (acting for Qualcomm), *Gormsen v Meta* (acting for Meta), *Spottiswoode v Nexans* (acting for Nexans), *BSV Claims* (acting for Shapeshift),

*Spottiswoode v Airwave* (acting for Motorola).

In addition to these CPO cases, Tony has acted for defendants in the vast majority of follow-on damages actions which have been litigated in recent years.

Prior to taking silk, Tony was one of the leading juniors at the Competition Bar and in 2018 he was nominated as Competition Junior of the Year at the Chambers Bar Awards.

Notable cases include:

- *Gormsen v Meta* [2024] EWCA Civ 1322, [2024] CAT 30, and [2024] CAT 11 – acting on behalf of Meta in defence of collective proceedings brought in the Competition Appeal Tribunal
- *BSV Claims v Bittylicious* – acting on behalf of Shapeshift in defence of collective proceedings in the Competition Appeal Tribunal
- *Spottiswoode v Nexans* – acting on behalf of Nexans in defence of collective proceedings brought by Clare Spottiswoode
- *London Array v Nexans* – follow-on damages action in the Competition Appeal Tribunal
- *Sports Direct v Newcastle FC* [2024] CAT 24 and [2024] EWCA Civ 532 – acting on behalf of Sports Direct in claim against Newcastle FC concerning the supply of replica kit, including an application for an interim injunction
- *The Trucks Litigation* – acting for Iveco in defence of collective proceedings in the Competition Appeal Tribunal ([2023] EWCA Civ 875 and [2022] CAT 25) and also numerous follow-on claims ([2018] EWHC 1994 (Ch), [2018] CAT 9, [2019] CAT 18, [2020] CAT 3, [2021] CAT 6, [2021] CAT 32, [2021] CAT 34 and [2022] CAT 32)
- *The FX Litigation* – acting for Citigroup in defence of collective proceedings in the Competition Appeal Tribunal ([2022] CAT 16) and also a very substantial damages claim in the High Court
- *The RoRo Litigation* – acting for K Line in defence of collective proceedings in the Competition Appeal Tribunal ([2022] EWCA Civ 1701, [2022] CAT 10, and [2022] CAT 18) and various follow-on damages actions in the High Court relating to the supply of roll-on, roll-off shipping services
- *Which? v Qualcomm* [2022] CAT 20 – acting for Qualcomm in defence of collective proceedings in the Competition Appeal Tribunal
- *Media-Saturn-Holding v Toshiba and others* [2019] EWHC 1095 (Ch) – cartel damages claim relating to the supply of cathode ray tubes
- *Merricks v Mastercard* [2017] CAT 16 – acting for Mastercard in defence of a £14 billion claim on behalf of UK consumers in the Competition Appeal Tribunal

- *Apple v Qualcomm* - acting for Qualcomm in a multi-billion claim by Apple concerning Qualcomm's patent licensing and chipset supply arrangements
- *Iiyama Benelux BV v Schott AG and others* - acting for Samsung in Court of Appeal case concerning the territorial scope of EU competition law
- *Peugeot SA v NSK and others* - cartel damages claim relating to the supply of automotive bearings
- *Vodafone v Infineon and others* - cartel damages claim relating to the supply of smart card chips
- *The Air Cargo Litigation* - acting for Asiana Airlines in a multi-billion cartel damages claim relating to the air cargo sector
- Acting for Rolls-Royce in defending a stand-alone Article 102 claim in the Chancery Division relating to the supply of spare parts
- Acting for an Italian airport in an LCIA arbitration concerning State aid
- Acting in the first ever appeal to the Competition Markets Authority against Ofgem's price controls for electricity distribution companies
- *WM Morrison Supermarkets plc and others v MasterCard Incorporated and others* [2013] EWHC 1071 (Comm), [2013] EWHC 3082 (Comm), and [2014] EWHC 2921 (Comm) - acting in High Court damages claim concerning the MasterCard multi-lateral interchange fee
- *Hanson Quarry Products Europe Limited v Competition Commission* [2013] CAT 7 - acting for Hanson in relation to the Competition Commission's market investigation into aggregates, cement, and ready-mix concrete
- Advising in relation to the OFT's investigation into the electronic platform services market
- *Imperial Tobacco v OFT* [2011] CAT 41 - successful appeal against £100 million fine for retail pricing practices in the tobacco industry, the highest ever fine imposed upon a single firm by the OFT
- Case T-286/09 *Intel v Commission* - appeal before the General Court against €1 billion fine for infringement of Article 102 in the supply of computer chips, the highest ever fine imposed upon a single firm by the European Commission
- *Boliden AB v IMI plc and others* - cartel damages claim relating to copper tubes
- *WH Newson v IMI plc and others* - cartel damages claim relating to copper fittings
- *Sony v AU Optronics and others* - cartel damages claim relating to liquid crystal displays
- *Nokia v AU Optronics and others* [2012] EWHC 731 (Ch) - cartel damages claim relating to liquid crystal displays
- *Nokia v Tatung and others* - cartel damages claim relating to cathode ray tubes
- *Honda v Asahi and others* - cartel damages claim relating to car glass

- *Durkan Holdings v OFT* [2011] CAT 6, *Crest Nicholson v OFT* and *ISG Pearce v OFT* [2011] CAT 10, *Quarmby Construction Company v OFT* [2011] CAT 11, and *GMI Construction v OFT* [2011] CAT 12 - acted in 5 appeals against the OFT's infringement decision in respect of cover pricing in the construction industry
- *Durkan Holdings v OFT* [2010] CAT 12 - disclosure application raising issues of when the OFT can rely upon fresh evidence in the CAT
- Case T-448/07 *YKK v Commission* - appeal against €150 million fine for participation in the zip fasteners cartel
- Case T-112/07 *Hitachi v Commission* - appeal before the General Court against €50 million fine for participation in the gas insulated switchgear cartel
- *Virgin Media v BSkyB* - Article 102 claim relating to the supply of pay TV channels
- *Vtesse Networks v Valuation Officer* [2010] EWCA Civ 16 - Court of Appeal case concerning State aid and the principle of equal treatment in the telecommunications sector
- *Tonstate v South Somerset DC* [2009] EWHC 3308 (Ch) - competition law claim raising questions of issue estoppel and abuse of process

## Energy and natural resources

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Tony has a considerable amount of experience of energy and infrastructure disputes in the oil and gas, power, and renewables industries. Over many years he has been asked to advise in relation to joint venture agreements, joint operating agreements, production sharing agreements, and long-term sales and transportation agreements. Notable matters include:

- *Spottiswoode v Nexans and others* – defending Nexans against a class action brought on behalf of all electricity consumers in the UK. The case involves consideration of the process by which the UK Government awards Renewables Obligation Certificates (“ROCs”) to offshore wind
- *London Array v Nexans* – defending Nexans against a damages claim brought on behalf of a windfarm in the Thames Estuary in relation to the prices of export and inter-array power cables
- Acting in a \$30 million High Court dispute concerning the technology for transporting offshore oil and gas platforms
- Advising in relation to a dispute concerning oil pipelines in Kazakhstan worth hundreds of millions
- *Single Buoy Moorings Inc v Zurich Insurance plc and others* – acting in a \$1 billion dispute

concerning a mobile offshore production unit and storage tank in the Yme oil field in the North Sea

- Acting for Talisman Energy in Commercial Court proceedings concerning the interpretation of a Joint Operating Agreement
- Advising in relation to Ofgem's RIIO-ED1 price control decision for electricity distribution companies
- LCIA arbitration concerning a production sharing contract and joint operating agreement entered into by joint venture partners in an oil and gas development project in Algeria
- *CGGVeritas v Dominion Energy* - Commercial Court claim for payment arising out of the processing and acquisition of seismic data in Tunisia
- *Lahyani v Benedetti* - Commercial Court claim concerning investments made in a number of oil exploration and production companies
- Advising BP on the interpretation of various acquisition and processing agreements

## group litigation

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Tony is one of the leading practitioners at the Bar in shareholder claims under FSMA and competition class actions.

In Banking and Finance, Tony is currently acting for a number of defendants in group actions brought by shareholders under sections 90 and 90A FSMA 2000, including Barclays Plc, Glencore Plc, Reckitt Benckiser Plc, and Serco Plc. He previously acted for several years for Lloyds Banking Group and its former directors in their successful defence of the *Lloyds/HBOS Litigation* (group litigation brought by 6,000 shareholders arising out of Lloyds' acquisition of HBOS).

Tony has recently appeared in two highly significant cases concerning group litigation brought by shareholders: *Aabar Holdings S.á.r.l. v Glencore Plc* [2024] EWHC 3046 (Comm), in which Picken J held that a company is entitled to claim privilege against its own shareholders and *Wirral Council v Reckitt Benckiser Plc* [2025] EWCA Civ 40 and [2023] EWHC 3114 (Comm), where the Court of Appeal struck out an attempt to pursue a section 90A FSMA claim as a representative action under CPR 19.6.

Tony has considerable experience of the collective proceedings regime in the Competition Appeal Tribunal. He appeared in *Merricks v Mastercard* (acting for Mastercard) and is currently acting in *The Trucks Litigation* (acting for Iveco), *The FX Litigation* (acting for Citigroup), *Mark McLaren v MOL* (acting for K Line), *Which? v Qualcomm* (acting for Qualcomm), *Gormsen v Meta* (acting for Meta), *Spottiswoode v Nexans* (acting for Nexans), *BSV Claims* (acting for Shapeshift), *Spottiswoode v Airwave* (acting for Motorola).

## Insurance and reinsurance

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Tony is recommended for Insurance in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. In 2019, prior to taking silk, Tony was nominated as Insurance Junior of the Year at the Chambers Bar Awards. He is experienced in advising on coverage issues concerning business interruption, D&O, marine, professional indemnity, and warranty and indemnity policies.

Notable cases include:

- Acting in very substantial insurance litigation following the Nord Stream pipeline explosion
- Acting for AerCap in the multi-billion insurance litigation arising out of the non-return of aircraft out of Russia following the invasion of Ukraine
- Advising a number of insureds in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic and their rights under business interruption insurance policies
- *Single Buoy Moorings Inc v Zurich Insurance plc and others* - acting for the primary layer insurers in a \$1 billion coverage dispute concerning damage to a platform in the North Sea
- *Crowden v QBE Insurance* [2017] EWHC 2597 (Comm) - acting for QBE in a case concerning the interpretation of a professional liability insurance policy in the context of a claim for mis-selling of financial instruments
- Acting for a major accounting firm in ARIAS arbitration concerning the interpretation of professional indemnity policies
- *The Alexandros T* [2012] 1 Lloyd's Rep 162, [2013] 1 Lloyd's Rep 217, [2013] UKSC 70, [2014] EWHC 712 (Comm), [2014] EWHC 1029 (Comm), [2014] EWCA Civ 1010, and [2014] EWHC 3068 (Comm) - acting for the Companies Market insurers in the long-running insurance litigation arising out of the loss of the "Alexandros T", which resulted in a successful appeal to the Supreme Court on jurisdiction issues, successful contempt of court proceedings resulting in the imposition of substantial fines, and a summary judgment against the insureds upheld by the Court of Appeal
- *Compagnie Generale De Location SA v AXA Corporate Solutions Assurance SA* - representing AXA in a multi-million coverage dispute arising out of the sinking of a vessel
- *New Proton Bank v Brit UW Limited* - marine insurance claim following the loss of the "Elli"
- Ad hoc arbitration concerning alleged breaches of an underwriting agency agreement
- *AXA Seguros v Allianz Insurance* [2011] EWHC 268 (Comm) - reinsurance claim arising out of hurricane damage to Mexico's highway structure

## Professional negligence

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Tony is recommended for Professional Negligence in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. He is also ranked by Legal 500 in the related area of Professional Discipline and Regulatory Law. He has considerable experience of acting in negligence claims brought against leading firms of solicitors and barristers (many of which are confidential). Tony is also the co-author of *Accountants' Negligence and Liability*, a specialist practitioner text, and is often instructed to defend the "big four" and other accountancy firms.

Notable cases include:

- Defending a magic circle law firm against a negligence claim arising out of the drafting of a commercial agreement
- *Watchstone v KPMG* - defending KPMG against a multi-million claim arising out of an allegedly negligent audit
- *BTI v PwC* - acting for PwC in defence of a \$600 million auditors' negligence claim arising out of environmental liabilities in the US. This ongoing case has already resulted in a number of reported judgments at [2019] EWHC 3034 (Ch), [2019] EWHC 3219 (Ch), [2021] EWCA Civ 9, and [2022] EWHC 1781 (Ch)
- *Prime v Withers* - negligence claim against solicitors in connection with property developments
- *ENRC v Dechert* - negligence claim against solicitors arising out of a corporate investigation
- *Financial Reporting Council v Deloitte* - acting for Deloitte in a 7 week hearing before the FRC Disciplinary Tribunal in connection with the audit of Autonomy plc
- *NRAM v Eversheds* - acting for Northern Rock in a £100 million negligence claim based on legal advice given by Eversheds concerning consumer credit legislation
- *Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton* - defending Grant Thornton against a £50 million negligence claim arising out of the accounting treatment of interest rate swaps
- *ENRC v Dechert* [2016] EWCA Civ 375 - Court of Appeal case concerning implied waiver of privilege and the principle of open justice
- *Lady Nina Bracewell-Smith v Deloitte* - defending Deloitte against a multi-million claim arising out of allegedly negligent tax advice
- Acting for liquidators in a negligence claim worth approximately £100 million against the former auditors of an international collective investment scheme
- Defending a leading City law firm against a multi-million pound negligence claim concerning its conduct of litigation

- *Financial Reporting Council v Baker Tilly* - acting for Baker Tilly in disciplinary proceedings brought by the FRC in connection with the audit of Tanfield Group
- Defending a leading tax and advisory firm against a multi-million negligence claim arising out of a corporate finance transaction
- Defending a leading accountancy firm against a multi-million negligence claim arising out of an allegedly deficient audit
- Defending a West End firm of solicitors against a multi-million negligence claim concerning its conduct of litigation

## Jurisdiction and conflict of laws

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A significant proportion of Tony's cases have an international dimension and he is very experienced in dealing with foreign laws and advising in relation to conflict of laws issues. He has also acted in a number of substantial jurisdiction disputes in recent years under the Brussels Regulation, the Lugano Convention, and at common law, including two cases in the Supreme Court.

Notable cases include:

- *Ukrainian Aircraft Operator Policy Claims* [2024] EWHC 1365 (Comm) - acting for AerCap in substantial jurisdiction dispute concerning insurance claims in respect of aircraft remaining in Ukraine following the invasion by Russia
- *The Public Institution for Social Security v Al Rajaan and others* [2022] EWCA Civ 29 and [2020] EWHC 2979 (Comm) - successful jurisdiction challenge under Article 23 Lugano Convention in claim to recover alleged secret commissions worth hundreds of millions
- *Lonestar Communications v Daniel Kaye and others* [2019] EWHC 3008 (Comm) - successful application for order dispensing with service out of the jurisdiction in cyber-attack case
- *Winkler v Shamoon and others* [2016] EWHC 217 (Ch) - successful jurisdiction challenge on behalf of the widow and daughter of the late Israeli billionaire, Sami Shamoon, raising issues of domicile and succession under the Brussels Regulation
- *Iiyama Benelux BV v Schott AG and others* [2016] EWHC 1207 (Ch) - application to set aside permission to serve out of the jurisdiction raising issues about the extra-territoriality of Article 101 TFEU
- *The Alexandros T* [2013] UKSC 70 - Supreme Court appeal concerning the *lis alibi pendens* provisions in Articles 27 and 28 of the Brussels Regulation
- *VTB Capital plc v Nutritek International Corp* [2013] UKSC 5 - Supreme Court appeal

concerning service out of the jurisdiction for tort claims and piercing the corporate veil

- *Skype v Joltid* [2009] EWHC 2783 (Ch) - successful application for an anti-suit injunction to restrain Californian proceedings in the context of a multi-billion pound licensing dispute against the founders of Skype

## sports law

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Tony has acted in a number of contractual and competition law disputes involving football and cricket, including *CAA Base v FA* (the high-profile FA Rule K arbitration concerning FIFA's Football Agents Regulations) and also *Sports Direct v Newcastle FC* (dispute about the supply of replica kit). He also has considerable experience of disputes regarding sponsorship and broadcasting rights, such as *DAZN Limited v IMG Worldwide* (US\$20 million dispute concerning sports broadcasting rights and termination on force majeure grounds).

## Directory Quotes

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- "A total superstar at the Bar - Tony is brilliant to work with." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "Tony Singla KC is one of the cleverest silks at the Bar. He is a very effective cross-examiner." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "Tony is a rare combination of exceptionally bright and highly personable. He is totally exceptional in every way." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "An exceptionally good oral advocate; clear, measured and excellent on his feet." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "Tony Singla is super on his feet." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "One of his main strengths is his usability; he does not disappear and is always available with a positive, can-do attitude." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "He has a calm, understated and reassuring manner with clients, and is a flawless and persuasive advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "He is a real advocate's advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "Tony is a real star. He is unflappable and provides clear and focused strategic advice as well as excellent advocacy." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "He's really strong on his feet. He's not afraid to run challenging points and take on challenging judges. He's a very hard worker and really shows commitment to the cause - clients really value that." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "Tony is just a class act, he's super on his feet. He has a great competition practice and

general commercial practice as well." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

- "He is user-friendly, collegiate and collaborative." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "He is a heavyweight of the future, he has a sharp legal brain and has the respect of the bench. He has very good judgement, is very quick on his feet and is responsive to interactions with judges." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "He is incredibly intelligent and quick to grasp complex and very involved cases. Tony has excellent judgement in terms of points we are likely to win or lose on. His advocacy is very persuasive." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "Tony Singla is a really impressive advocate and a pleasure to work with. He has the ability to combine impressive advisory and advocacy skills on complex matters with a very client-friendly manner." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "Tony Singla KC is really good at presenting things in a calm and measured way, it comes through really well." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "Tony is forensically very sharp and doesn't miss any points. He is a great cross-examiner who is very precise and methodical in his approach." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "Tony is very smart and commercial in terms of his approach. He is very good at getting to the heart of a matter quickly." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "He is the complete package - user-friendly, collegiate, collaborative and is an effective advocate with a nice, measured style of making submissions." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "He is very clever, very sensible and has good judgement." (Chambers & Partners 2026)
- "Absolute star of the bar" (Legal 500 2026)
- "An exceptionally strong advocate" (Legal 500 2026)
- "A superb talent with a hugely impressive practice." (Legal 500 2026)
- "Tony is a charming and very effective silk - very experienced, robust in his views and a very polished advocate." (Legal 500 2026)
- "Tony is a great KC to work with. He's the definition of user-friendly: accessible and responsive to solicitors, great at dealing with clients directly and takes the fight to the other side, which the clients like to see. His star continues to rise." (Legal 500 2026)
- "Tony is very clever, diligent, analytical and charming, a formidable combination. He is destined for a glittering career as one of the leading lights in his field." (Legal 500 2026)
- "A silk who provides excellent strategic advice." (Legal 500 2026)
- "Tony is excellent in cross-examination, and is keenly aware of the key points to extract from hostile witnesses. He's very easy to work with, and considers and appreciates the views from the solicitor team." (Legal 500 2026)
- "He's absolutely superb." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

- "Tony is fast growing into one of the most impressive silks at the Bar." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "A tenacious advocate with good judgement, Tony is effective, hard-working and good to deal with when it comes to pleadings. He is fully on top of the detail." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is a very clever, good advocate who is also user-friendly." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is experienced beyond his years and his judgement is spot on." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is very impressive in court." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "He is incredibly hard-working and responsive, and direct in his views." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is super responsive and really positive to work with. He is a can-do, 'get stuff done' person." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is quick to get to grips, incredibly bright and has a very strong aura about him; he commands a lot of authority." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony brings good intellectual rigour and analysis to his cases. He is very impressive." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is incredibly intelligent, very thorough and considered in his advice. He is always thinking several steps ahead." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is very good in class actions. He has genuine expertise in that space." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is personally my favourite barrister at the Bar. He is incredibly hard-working, responsive and direct in his views." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is a great cross-examiner, who is courteous and decisive." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "His drafting is a delight to read, as it's no-nonsense and cuts to the chase." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "He's really smart and hands-on, and gets straight to the point." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is tenacious and very smart." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is excellent. He is very commercial and able to think outside the box to reach solutions that work for the client. His advocacy is very good, and he remains calm and coherent when challenged." (Chambers & Partners 2025)
- "Tony is exceptional in every respect. As an advocate, he stands head and shoulders above almost all of his peers." (Legal 500 2025)
- "Tony is at the height of his powers. A formidable practitioner." (Legal 500 2025)

- "Tony is clever, charming, and a persuasive advocate. He is a joy to work with and a formidable opponent." (Legal 500 2025)
- "Exceptional clarity of thought and fearless advocacy." (Legal 500 2025)
- "A super advocate who nails the right points quickly." (Legal 500 2025)
- "Tony offers exceptional clarity of thought and advocacy." (Legal 500 2025)
- "Tony is an excellent advocate - very calm, assured on his feet and persuasive. He is also responsive, pragmatic and a pleasure to work with." (Legal 500 2025)
- "Tony is very personable, responsive and collaborative." (Legal 500 2025)
- "Tony Singla is one of the go-to silks at the commercial Bar. Very commercial, clear in his thinking and not afraid to make difficult calls." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Tony is just phenomenal. He is very efficient, no-nonsense and not afraid of getting into a tough fight." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Tony is fantastic and provides clear advice on very difficult and complex points of law." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Tony is outstanding. He is very user-friendly, super detail-orientated and fantastic on his feet." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Tony Singla is very good at understanding what other people are thinking. He has a good perspective on how best to deal with an issue." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Tony Singla is really hands-on, very easy to deal with and someone with a really nice client manner." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Tony Singla is extremely intelligent and able to focus on the crux of an issue. He is a very strong advocate and is clearly respected by the judges." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Tony Singla is very detailed and thorough." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Tony is super responsive, very easy to work with and gets good results." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Tony is a superb advocate and has a sharp mind combined with a very approachable and hands-on attitude." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Tony Singla is able to tailor his communication style, making him an accomplished and persuasive advocate while also providing simple and clear advice to insurer clients. He has formidable advocacy skills." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "He thinks through all of the angles and has very good judgement." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Tony gives very commercial advice, and is able to advise on legal elements but also how this might play out in practice and what the strategic consequences might be. He brings lots of experience to bear, which instils confidence. He is also a very strong advocate." (Chambers &

Partners 2024)

- "Tony is definitely a future star at the commercial Bar. He is brilliantly clever yet he has a delightful manner and can cut through complexity with ease." (Legal 500 2024)
- "A forceful advocate who is very nimble on his feet." (Legal 500 2024)
- "Tony is very hard-working and very thoughtful. He considers points in very thorough detail before giving his view but then is very much able to give a strong and definitive view." (Legal 500 2024)
- "Excellent advocate and extremely hard working." (Legal 500 2024)
- "Tony is very responsive, a good team player, and commercial in his views." (Legal 500 2024)
- "Tony is very good at drilling down into a mass of detail and distilling the true issues in a case." (Legal 500 2024)
- "Tony Singla KC is an absolute genius and a delight to work with." "He is very pragmatic and knows the law inside and out." (Chambers & Partners 2023)
- "Tony is incredibly good on his feet. He is also very responsive and technically strong." "Tony cuts through complex issues like a hot knife through butter. He also has strong judgement and clear drafting skills." "He is a brilliant strategic thinker with great instincts." (Chambers & Partners 2023)
- "Tony is a strong performer and a very good advocate." "He is as sharp as a knife intellectually and highly personable." "Tony is an extremely adaptable and commercial silk." (Chambers & Partners 2023)
- "Tony is extremely responsive, pragmatic and clever. He is very user-friendly and client-focused and has a good grasp of the details at the heart of a case." "Very accomplished, very calm and has a great manner with clients." (Chambers & Partners 2023)
- "Tony is the complete package and a great asset. He is more than capable of leading a team in the largest and most complex of disputes." (Chambers & Partners 2023)
- "He has moved seamlessly from being a top junior to being a go to silk. Very practical." (Legal 500 2023)
- "A natural leader, Tony is not afraid to make the big calls. Confident, calm and highly responsive. Continues to be a star in commercial circles." (Legal 500 2023)
- "Tony is a natural leader, with a formidable intellect, and is an exceptional advocate. His cross-examination skills, and the thoroughness with which he approaches trial preparation are excellent." (Legal 500 2023)
- "Extremely intelligent and exudes confidence. Quick to grasp very complex insurance issues and navigate to the heart of the matter as soon as he becomes involved. An extremely accomplished and formidable advocate, which is recognised and remarked on by insurer clients." (Legal 500 2023)

- "He is very helpful and approachable, and gives great advice." "He will be a really high flyer. He is really bright, but also really personable." "He is incredibly bright and user-friendly. He gives very good commercial advice." (Chambers & Partners 2022)
- "Tony is outstanding. His experience covers a number of fields." "He brings a deep technical understanding to matters and he is phenomenally intelligent." (Chambers & Partners 2022)
- "He's very user-friendly, very clever and works incredibly hard." (Chambers & Partners 2022)
- "He is very smart, switched on and very well versed in competition issues. Clearly a good advocate too." "He is a rising star." (Chambers & Partners 2022)
- "Gets to the heart of an issue quickly and has very good judgement. He is confident in forming his own views and is very accomplished and capable." (Legal 500 2022)
- "Efficient, insightful and direct. A junior to watch." (Legal 500 2022)
- "Very clever, excellent paper work and a terrific advocate – very calm, persuasive and authoritative. Thinks on his feet quickly and proactively." (Legal 500 2022)
- "Tony has phenomenal depth of knowledge about auditing, combined with a real lightness of touch and brilliant attention to detail." (Legal 500 2022)
- "Speaks from a position of a wealth of experience and makes the case as compelling as possible." "He is good at finding creative solutions to difficult issues." (Chambers & Partners 2021)
- "He is incredibly smooth, hard-working, forensic and methodical." (Chambers & Partners 2021)
- "Straightforward, and provides excellent analysis which is well argued and just sensible. He created a classic, intelligently presented and considered case." (Chambers & Partners 2021)
- "He's phenomenally good, easy to work with and his advocacy and paperwork are excellent." "His written work is thorough and effective." (Chambers & Partners 2021)
- "He produced a really fantastically helpful piece of work with a really brilliant analysis." (Chambers & Partners 2021)
- "A brilliant mind combined with a calm, analytical approach. Very good strategic thinker, who is extremely popular with solicitors. His particular strength is commercial competition litigation." (Legal 500 2021)
- "An outstanding all-round lawyer, whose knowledge in the insurance and reinsurance space stands comparison with anyone; but what sets him apart is the breadth of his practice." (Legal 500 2021)
- "His work and input is rigorous, thorough and penetrating." (Legal 500 2021)
- "He is hardworking, with good tactical skills." (Legal 500 2021)
- Tony Singla is an "astute, independent thinker" who is regarded as being absolutely "fantastic

to work with". (Who's Who Legal - UK Bar: Banking & Finance 2020)

- "Very good on his feet and puts in a lot of work in the preparation and analysis of his cases." "He is very clear in his presentation." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2020)
- "Solicitors really respect him." "A tenacious, hard-working advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2020)
- "He is outstanding - formidably clever and a strong team player." "A very confident performer." "Very bright, an excellent advocate and his paperwork is terrific." (Chambers & Partners 2020)
- "He has a good style as an advocate: he's good at picking out the right arguments and is very ambitious." "He has a phenomenal intellect and is really a joy to work with: incredibly bright, commercial and sensible." (Chambers & Partners 2020)
- "Particularly impressive ability to be completely on top of the detail of a very fact-heavy case but also cut through to its key points." (Legal 500 2020)
- "A real star of his generation, whilst being likeable and easy to work with." (Legal 500 2020)
- "He is great at analysing the detail." (Legal 500 2020)
- "He has a brilliant mind." (Legal 500 2020)
- "He fully commits to the case and has the intellectual firepower to come up with the right analysis." (Legal 500 2020)
- "Tony Singla is a first-rate commercial lawyer who has very good analytical skills and is a pragmatic adviser." "He's very good on the paperwork, proving a prodigious worker who can draft well and very quickly." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2019)
- "Easy to work with, personable and highly responsive." "He is a bright and hard-working guy who produces great advocacy." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2019)
- "Clever, good to work with and focused." "He's got good judgement around trial tactics." (Chambers & Partners 2019)
- "Very bright, very impressive and quick-working." "Very approachable with clients. He provides very constructive input on cases, which is always very focused and succinct." (Chambers & Partners 2019)
- "A very fine barrister, his drafting is excellent and tight, his advocacy very impressive." (Legal 500 2018-19)
- "Very clever, good written work, perceptive, not to mention a robust and persuasive advocate." (Legal 500 2018-19)
- "A very impressive individual and a good draftsman." (Legal 500 2017)
- "He is easy to deal with, and gives assured and clear-thinking advice." (Legal 500 2017)
- "He's absolutely fantastic and no doubt destined for great things. He is very hard-working,

incredibly clear in his advice, very efficient, and has seriously impressed when on his feet in court." (Chambers & Partners 2017)

- "He has an extremely impressive personality and exudes confidence." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "He gives the confidence that he absolutely believes in his case. He knows his own mind, fights his corner and is a good, strong advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "Very impressive. He is hard-working, intelligent and has a bright future ahead of him." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "He is very good at client service and is responsive - he is very effective." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "His drafting is frequently praised by instructing solicitors as being of the highest standard." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "He is attentive to detail and produces really good work." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "He has very good analytical skills and is a pragmatic adviser." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "Very user-friendly." (Legal 500 2016)
- "Extremely calm and very impressive on his feet. He has done a terrific job." (Chambers & Partners 2016)
- "Works incredibly hard, shows tremendous attention to detail, is hugely bright, and is very personable. He's just a delight to work with." (Chambers & Partners 2016)
- "Has been involved in a whole host of high-profile cases of late and has marked himself out as one of the younger breed that is destined for great things." (Chambers & Partners 2016)
- "He's really good, knows the law, gets into the detail very quickly and will come up with good ideas. He showed very good judgement in how he presented the legal arguments and the facts and got things across perfectly." (Chambers & Partners 2016)
- "Tony is hard-working, intelligent and has an excellent grasp of detail." (Chambers & Partners 2016)
- "A tenacious advocate with good judgement. He's effective, hard-working and good to deal with." (Chambers & Partners 2016)
- "Incredibly bright" (Legal 500 2015)
- "Effective, hardworking and good to deal with when it comes to pleadings" (Legal 500 2015)
- "'Frustratingly brilliant', 'he is also a very nice man' who is 'very highly thought of by many people senior to him.'" (Chambers & Partners 2015)
- "Tipped as a future star, he is already gaining significant recognition from top clients." (Chambers & Partners 2015)

- "He has a voracious appetite for work, good judgement and terrific brainpower as well." (Chambers & Partners 2015)
- "Tony is very approachable, good on his feet, and excellent if you require practical and commercial advice." (Chambers & Partners 2015)
- "He has a very good grasp of the issues and puts a lot of effort into knowing everything about the case. Very easy to work with, he has no airs and graces." (Chambers & Partners 2015)
- "A real star for the future. He does an excellent job every time, and works at a level well beyond his year of call." (Chambers & Partners 2014)
- "A fast-emerging talent in commercial and competition law, who continues to receive plaudits for his broad expertise as a commercial litigator." (Chambers & Partners 2014)
- "He drafts well and has a very high work quality." (Chambers & Partners 2014)

## Qualifications

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### Education

Winchester College (1996 - 2001)

Pembroke College, Oxford University (2002 - 2006)

Inns of Court School of Law (2006 - 2007)

### Qualifications

MA (Hons) Jurisprudence (2005) (First Class)

Bachelor of Civil Law (2006) (Distinction)

Bar Vocational Course (2007) (Outstanding)

### Scholarships & Prizes

#### Oxford University

- Proxime Accessit to the Gibbs Prize (for best performance in Contract, Land, Tort, and Trusts Finals Papers)
- Norton Rose Prize (for best performance in Company Law Finals Paper)
- Distinction in Law Moderations

## Pembroke College, Oxford

- Domus Scholarship
- Sir Roger Bannister Scholarship
- Crystal Prize for Law
- Farthing Prize for Constitutional Law

## Lincoln's Inn

- Buchanan Prize
- Megarry Scholarship
- Lord Mansfield Scholarship
- Hardwicke Entrance Award

## Publications

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Co-author (with Simon Salzedo QC) of *Accountants' Negligence and Liability* (Bloomsbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2021)

Contributing author of *Competition Litigation: UK Practice and Procedure* (OUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2019)

Various articles in legal journals, including the Law Quarterly Review, the Company Lawyer, and the European Competition Law Review