

Charles Hollander KC

YEAR OF CALL: 1978 YEAR OF SILK: 1999

"He is a brilliant advocate and highly recommended for cases involving cross-examination of witnesses."

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Practice Overview

Charles practises as an advocate both in the English courts and internationally. He has been called to the Hong Kong Bar and also accepts instructions as a full member of Temple Chambers in Hong Kong. He has appeared in court in Cayman, Bermuda, Bahamas, BVI, Gibraltar and Brunei. He sits as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Commercial Court and Chancery Division.

He is principally a commercial litigator with a broad practice whose strength is his vast experience in court, whether at interlocutory, trial or appellate level or in arbitrations. His books *Documentary Evidence* and *Conflicts of Interest* are well-known and he has argued many of the leading cases in those areas. He is also used as an advocate in major competition matters

Commercial

Commercial Litigation

Charles has always been recommended by the directories in Commercial Litigation and Professional Negligence.

Recent court work includes acting for the Vatican in the Commercial Court trial *Athena Capital Fund v Secretariat of State of the Holy See* (described by "The Telegraph" as "the trial of the century" and one of *The Lawyer's* Top 20 Cases of 2024) and for the Defendants in *Cutlers Holdings Ltd v Sheppard & Wedderburn LLP* (one of *The Lawyer's* Top 20 cases of 2023). He was involved in a preliminary issue as to whether a disappointed subcontractor could sue the National Lottery operator in *International Game Technology plc v Gambling Commission* and appeared in the Supreme Court in *Roberts v MOD/SSAFA* as to whether the Civil Liability (Contribution) Act has extra-territorial effect.

Jurisdiction disputes:

Roberts v SSAFA/MOD is a personal injury action throwing up a host of difficult conflict of law problems which went to the Supreme Court on the issue whether the Civil Liability (Contribution Act) had extra-territorial effect. *Athena Capital Fund v Secretariat of State for the Holy See* to trial in 2024 after a Court of Appeal hearing as to whether the English court should accept jurisdiction. The Fundao dam litigation, *Municipio de Mariana v BHP Billiton*, is major environmental litigation which involved an 8 day jurisdiction hearing.

Offshore work:

Recent work has included litigation in Hong Kong, Bermuda, Bahamas, the British Virgin Islands and Gibraltar. Charles has been involved in "fair value" shareholders litigation in Bermuda *Re Jardine Strategic Ltd* and *Re Rhino Resources Ltd* in the BVI. A further claim in the Bermuda Court of Appeal *Ivanishvili v Credit Suisse* arose from a fraud in the management of a Swiss law life portfolio and *Mexico Infrastructure Finance LLC v Terra Law Ltd* was another Bermuda appeal arising from a guarantee on a development project in Hamilton, Bermuda. A six week trial in Hong Kong *Re Estate of Lim Por Yen* involved a fraud in procuring the signature of an elderly Hong Kong tycoon on a new will. Charles is recommended by The Legal 500 for Offshore Work and for Commercial Dispute Resolution in the Asia-Pacific edition of The Legal 500.

Commercial fraud:

Most of Charles' offshore cases involve commercial fraud. That often involves acting for administrators and liquidators. Charles has argued a number of the leading cases on *Norwich Pharmacal* orders.

Professional negligence and regulatory:

In *Cutlers Holdings Ltd v Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP* Bacon J dismissed a claim by former owners of Sheffield United FC against their former solicitors, for whom Charles acted, after a four week trial. In *King v Stiefel*, after a six day hearing in the Commercial Court the court struck out a claim against a KC for whom Charles acted, accused of having deliberately misled the court. He acted for a commercial silk and junior in getting a negligence claim arising from litigation in Cayman dismissed *Al Sadik v Clyde & Co*. Charles was involved in the various *Tchenguiz* actions both in England and in Jersey and Guernsey.

Charles' conflict of interest practice, where he advises many of the law London law firms, spills into professional regulatory and disciplinary work as well as professional negligence. He has acted in negligence claims involving solicitors, barristers, accountants and auditors, actuaries, insolvency practitioners and investment bankers, stockbrokers and fund managers. The largest case in which he acted was *The Accident Group* which involved claims against 634 firms of solicitors and a second set of proceedings against 84 firms. Charles was a previous nominee for Professional Negligence Silk of the Year in the Chambers Bar Awards.

Appellate work:

Because of his great experience before appellate courts, Charles is often brought into cases at the appellate stage, such as *Athena Capital Fund v Secretariat of State for the Holy See*, where he acts for the Vatican Secretariat and *Secretariat Consulting Pte v A Company*, in relation to whether a litigation expert owes duties as a fiduciary.

Class and group actions and competition law:

Charles is recommended by Chambers & Partners for Group Litigation.

He has been involved in the Trucks Litigation for one of the truck manufacturers and was in the FX litigation for one of the major banks. On the Claimant side, he has been acted for the class representative in a large opt-out action certified by the CAT *Boyle v Govia Thameslink Railway Ltd* involving differential fares on the London to Brighton train line and acting for 202,000 Brazilian claimants in the Fundao dam litigation, *Municipalia de Mariana v BHP Billiton* as well as having an involvement in the *Dieselpgate* litigation. The TAG litigation, in which 634 firms of solicitors were sued for negligence in the first action and 84 more in the second, predated the current popularity of group actions. He was also involved in *Emerald Supplies v British Airways*.

Competition Commission v Nutanix was the first reference under the new Hong Kong Competition Ordinance, and after a four week trial decided many of the important issues under that statute, as well as a prior decision in relation to privilege against self-incrimination under the ordinance. Charles is recommended for Competition Law in the Asia-Pacific Legal 500.

International arbitration:

Charles recently argued *Linksure Literature Holding Ltd v Read Global Invt Ltd*, seeking to set aside a Hong Kong arbitration award. He argued *Wong v Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe*, a seven day HKIAC arbitration suing the law firm for professional negligence. He has been involved in a series of arbitrations arising from a container vessel joint venture *RBF HK Ltd v ZPMC Offshore Service Ltd*, and a related arbitration before a different panel, *Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industries Co Ltd v Adkins, Sanofi v JHL* is a HKIAC pharmaceutical arbitration raising issues as to the efficacy of a provision for pre-commencement negotiations.

Conflicts of interest:

Charles has written the leading book on the law of conflicts of interest (now in its 6th ed), and regularly lectures on the topic. He advises very many of the leading law firms on dealing with conflicts of interest, and confidential information., Charles was brought in to argue *Secretariat International v A* in the Court of Appeal as to whether a litigation expert owes a fiduciary duty to his appointor. He acted for the successful defendants in *Bank of London Group v Simmons & Simmons LLP* in a challenge to their acting.

Documentary Evidence:

As a result of his well-known book, *Documentary Evidence*, (now in its 15th edition) which is regularly cited in court, Charles has been involved in many of the leading cases in relation to the law of documents, disclosure and legal professional privilege, *Norwich Pharmacal* and letters rogatory. He has lectured on these topics for many years and on numerous occasions given affidavit expert evidence for foreign courts.

Sports law:

Charles has had a practice in sports law for over 30 years and has argued cases involving almost every sport. Much has been in doping cases, in which he has been involved since the 1980s. Now most of his work in this area is as chair of arbitral, disciplinary or appeal panels. A former chair of the Bar Sports Law Group, since 2019 he has been worldwide chair of the World Athletics Disciplinary Panel, supervising and sitting on disciplinary matters across athletics. He is a chair of the UK National Anti-Doping Panel and a Tennis Anti-Corruption Officer, handling betting and match fixing cases in tennis, and a member of the FA Judicial Panel.

Reported cases

APPELLATE CASES (as an advocate only)

- *Mexico Infrastructure LLC v Terra Law Ltd* 2024 CA (Bda) 10 Civ (joint interest privilege in negligence action-Bermuda)
- *Kei Kin Hung v Hua She Asset Management* 2023 EWCA Civ 1483 (need for litigation friend in contempt hearing)
- *Roberts v MOD/SSAFA* 2023 AC 597 (contribution act has extraterritorial effect)
- *Athena Capital Fund v Secretariat of State for Holy See* 2022 EWCA Civ 1051 (jurisdiction for proceedings against Vatican)
- *China Medical Technologies v Bank of China* 2020 HKCFAR 296 (extension of writ- HK Court of Final Appeal)
- *Secretariat International v A* 2021 EWCA Civ 6 (is a litigation expert a fiduciary?)
- *Ivanishvili v Credit Suisse* Bermuda Court of Appeal 2020 1 CA (Bda) 13 Civ (inherent jurisdiction to make disclosure orders going beyond the rules)
- *Roberts v MOD/SSAFA* 2020 EWCA Civ 926 (contribution act has extraterritorial effect)
- *Chung Yuen Chu v Borelli* 2019 HKCA CA (redemption of mortgage)
- *Mayer BVI v Alliance Financial Intelligence* 2019 HKCA 777 CA (test for setting aside judgment for fraud)

- *Ashany v EcoBat Technologies* 2018 EWCA Civ 1066 (costs appeal on discontinuance)
- *Investec Trust (Guernsey) v Glenalla Properties* 2018 2WLR 1465 (Privy Council appeal on Tchenguiz Guernsey trust claim-abuse of process)
- *Paymaster (Jamaica) Ltd v Grace Kennedy Remittance Services Ltd* 2018 Bus LR (Privy Council appeal - breach of confidence and copyright appeal from Jamaica)
- *Atlantisrealm Ltd v Intelligent Land Investments* 2017 EWCA Civ 1029 (CA on inadvertent disclosure rules)
- *Ilkerler Otomotiv Perkins Engines* 2017 EWCA Civ 183 (good faith obligations in termination of distributor agreement)
- *Li Sin Man Seline v Li Shu Chung* 2017 HKEC 78 HK CA (discretionary trust)
- *Harb v Prince Abdul Aziz* 2016 EWCA Civ 556 (Appeal from Peter Smith J judgment in relation to promise to ex-wife of Saudi king - apparent bias where judge wrote letter to head of Blackstone Chambers)
- *Ferster v Ferster* 2016 EWCA Civ 717 (unambiguous impropriety in mediation)
- *Rawlinson & Hunter Trustees v SFO* CA 2.3.16 (CPR 31.22 application)
- *Rawlinson & Hunter Trustees v Akers* 2014 EWCA Civ 136 (Court of Appeal-litigation privilege / non party disclosure)
- *Rawlinson & Hunter Trustees v SFO* 2014 EWCA Civ 1129 (inadvertent disclosure-public interest immunity / privilege)
- *FG Wilson v Holt Liverpool* 2014 1WLR 2365 (CA divide 2-1 and give leave to appeal to Supreme Court; (Romalpa clause/no set off/ UCTA / s49 Sale of Goods Act); case settled before Supreme Court , also 2013 EWCA Civ 779 Tomlinson LJ (security for appeal)
- *RC Cayman v Ryan* Cayman Court of Appeal, April 2013 rights of mortgagor of property, litigation settled after appeal before judgment
- *Tinkler v Elliott* 2014 EWCA Civ 564 in relation to leave to commence contempt proceedings
- *Tinkler v Elliott* 2012 EWCA Civ 1289 (CA judgment on setting aside judgment at trial);
- *Masri v Consolidated Contractors International* 2011 UKPC 29 (Privy Council- judgment enforcement)
- *Axa v Akther and Darby* (Composite litigation) 2009 EWCA Civ 1166 (CA); (limitation); CA divide 2-1, permission to appeal to Supreme Court granted, case settled before Supreme Court hearing
- *Fox Hayes v FSA* 2009 EWCA Civ 76 CA (financial promotions)
- *Viking Line v ITF and FSU* 2006 EuLR 509, CA on freedom of establishment -settled before further CA hearing after ECJ ruling

- *Jayam v Diamond Trading Company* 2007 EWCA Civ 1360 (allocation of diamonds by de Beers) CA
- *British Horseracing Board v Attheraces* 2007 EWCA Civ 38 CA (Art 82, excess pricing of horseracing data)
- *Three Rivers DC v Bank of England* 2005 1AC 610 HL (privilege appeal)

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE CASES

- *Mexico Infrastructure LLC v Terra Law Ltd* 2024 CA (Bda) 10 Civ (joint interest privilege in negligence action-Bermuda)
- *Re Jardine Strategic Ltd* 2023 SC (Bda) 8 (Hargun CJ, Bermuda, shareholder privilege)
- *Ivanishvili v Credit Suisse* Bermuda Court of Appeal 2020 1CA (Bda) 13 Civ (inherent jurisdiction to make disclosure orders going beyond the rules)
- *Atlantisrealm Ltd v Intelligent Land Investments* (inadvertent disclosure) 2017 EWCA Civ 1029 (inadvertent disclosure rules)
- *Tchenguiz v Grant Thornton UK* 2017 1 WLR 2809 (meaning of "use" of documents for collateral undertaking)
- *Rawlinson & Hunter Trustees v SFO* CA 2.3.16 (CPR 31.22 application)
- *Ferster v Ferster* 2016 EWCA Civ 717 (unambiguous impropriety in mediation privilege)
- *ENRC v Dechert LLP* 2014 EWHC 3389 (implied and limited waiver of privilege)
- *Rawlinson & Hunter Trustees v SFO* 2014 EWCA 1129 (inadvertent disclosure-public interest immunity / privilege)
- *A v E* 2014 EWHC 715 (Ch) (directors' rights of access to company documents)
- *Rawlinson & Hunter v Akers* 2014 EWCA Civ 136 (non-party disclosure / litigation privilege)
- *Constantin v Ecclestone* 2013 EWHC 2674 (Ch) (applications for non-party disclosure under CPR 31.17)
- *Montpellier Estates Ltd v Leeds City Council* 2012 EWHC 1343 QB (electronic disclosure)
- *Hutchison 3G v O2 Ltd* 2008 EWHC 55 (Comm) (pre action disclosure in Art 81 claim, David Steel J)
- *West London Pipeline and Storage v Total UK* (Buncefield: litigation privilege dominant purpose) Comm Ct unreported 18.9.08
- *Winterthur Swiss Insurance Company v The Accident Group* 2006 EWHC 839 (Comm) (rights of access to insurers and privilege) Aikens J

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND BREACH OF CONFIDENCE CASES

- *Bank of London Group v Simmons and Simmons* 2022 EWHC 2617 (Ch) (attempt to recuse law firm)
- *Secretariat International v A* 2021 EWCA Civ 6 (CA: is a litigation expert a fiduciary?)
- *Primary Group v Royal Bank of Scotland* 2014 EWHC 1082 (Ch) Arnold J (banking confidentiality/Wrotham Park damages)
- *Harb v Prince Abdul Aziz* 2016 EWCA Civ 556 (Appeal from Peter Smith J judgment in relation to promise to ex-wife of Saudi king – apparent bias where judge wrote a letter to head of Blackstone Chambers)
- *Jones v IOS (UK) Ltd* 2012 EWHC 348 (Ch) (breach of confidence/ Wrotham Park)
- *Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft v Garcia* 2013 EWHC 3080 Pat (Patents Court) Birss J (breach of confidence/freedom of expression/cracking code on VW immobiliser)
- *Bloomsbury International v Holyoake* 2010 EWHC 1150 (Ch) Floyd J (administrator conflict of interest)
- *Barclays v Guardian Newspapers* 2009 EWHC 591 QB King J (publication of confidential tax avoidance scheme documentation)

OTHER SIGNIFICANT REPORTED CASES

- *Al Sadik v Clyde & Co* 2024 EWHC 818 (Comm) (negligence action struck out against silk and junior barrister)
- *International Game Technology plc v Gambling Commission* 2023 EWHC 1961 (TCC) Coulson LJ (claim by disappointed subcontractor on National Lottery)
- *Boyle v Govia Thameslink Railway Ltd* 2023 CAT 63, and 19, 2022 CAT 46, 35 and 30 (opt-out class action in relation to differential fares)
- *Cutlers Holdings Ltd (formerly Sheffield United Ltd) v Shepherd & Wedderburn LLP* 2023 EWHC 720 (Ch) (Bacon J) (professional negligence trial against solicitors)
- *Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd v HCC International Insurance Co plc* 2022 EWHC 164 (Ch) (rectification claim)
- *JSC Commercial Bank v Kolomoisky* 2021 EWHC 1910 (Ch) Trower J (Confidentiality clubs)
- *King v Stiefel* 2021 EWHC 1045 (Comm) Cockerill J (conspiracy to injure claim against KC)
- *Autonomous Non-Commercial Organisation v Pico Projects International* 2021 HKLRD 246

(enforcement of Russian revenue judgment)

- *Municipio de Mariana v BHP Billiton*, Fundao dam group action litigation, 2020 EWHC 928
- *Roberts v SSAFA/MOD 2020* EWHC 994 (QB) (trial as to proper law/ limitation under German law)
- *DBS Bank HK v Pan Jing* 2020 HKEC 240 Blair J (“underground banking”- restitution of money paid by mistake)
- *China Medical Supplies v Paul Weiss* 2019 HKEC 3472 (jurisdiction of HK court, prof neg claim for failing to spot a fraud)
- *Okada v Okada* 2018 HKEC 3997 (exclusive jurisdiction clause, HK high court)
- *ITV Network v Performing Right Society* 2017 LLR 341 Mann J, (meaning of “nonprecedential” in copyright tribunal reference)
- *Roberts v SSAFA* 2016 EWHC 2744 (QB) (Art 8(2) of recast Brussels Regulation)
- *Rawlinson & Hunter Trustees v ITG Ltd* 2015 EWHC 1557 (Ch) 2015 EWHC 1924 (Ch) Morgan J (issue estoppel and abuse of process - second bite at the cherry)
- *BHP Billiton v E-on* (expedited commercial court trial on termination of gas sales agreement, settled just before judgment)
- *Libyan Investment Authority v Societe Generale SA* 2015 EWHC 1925 (Comm) Flaux J (appointment of receiver over major litigation where dispute as to authority to act for LIA)
- *SC Johnson v Sara Lee* 2013 EWHC 3080 Ch Roth J (claim for specific performance of sale agreement)
- *Pacific Electric Wire & Cable v Texan Management* 2012 HKCF1505, Reyes J, Hong Kong commercial court (HK commercial fraud trial)
- *Ikos CIF v Hogan Lovells international* 2011 EWHC 2724 and 2725 (Ch) (discontinuance/ solicitors/striking out in Ikos litigation)
- *Smith v Butler* 2011 EWHC 2301 (Ch) (authority of managing director)
- *Calyon v PZL* (Polish law banking dispute involving ISDA terms, settled after trial before judgment)
- *jSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov* 2011 EWHC 2988 Teare J (setting aside service)
- *Erlson v Hampson Industries plc* 2011 EWHC 1137 (Comm) (fraudulent misrepresentation on sale of company/attribution of knowledge)
- *Baxendale Walker v Deloitte* (strike out of conspiracy claim by tax adviser, Supperstone J) 2011 EWHC 998 (QB)
- *Skype v Joltid* (antisuit injunction-exclusive jurisdiction) 2009 EWHC 2783 (Ch) Lewison J
- *Excelsior v Yorkshire TV* (Darling Buds of May royalties) 2009 EWHC 1751 (Comm) Flaux J

- *Arla Foods v Barnes* (milk supply agreement) 2009 1BCLC 699 Sir E Evans Lombe
- *Rayden v Edwardo and Tchenguiz* 2008 EWHC 2689 Comm Gloster J (liability of guarantor where primary debtor in liquidation)

Qualifications

- Deputy High Court Judge (Commercial Court, Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions)
- Crown and civil court Recorder
- Called to the Bar in the Eastern Caribbean (BVI), Cayman, Bahamas, Gibraltar, and Brunei for particular cases
- Called to the Bar in Hong Kong as full member
- Board Member, Bar Standards Board 2006 to 2011
- Chair, Standards Committee of Bar Standards Board 2006 to 2011
- Worldwide Chair, World Athletics Disciplinary Tribunal
- Chair Member, National Anti-Doping Panel
- Tennis Integrity Board Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer
- Chair member, FA Judicial Panel
- James Mould Scholar and Bacon Holt and Uthwatt prizewinner, Gray's Inn
- King's College Cambridge 1974-77 (first class honours in Classics)
- University College School, Hampstead (Scholar)

Publications

Documentary Evidence 1st ed 1985, 15th ed in 2024

Conflicts of Interest 1st ed 2000, 6th ed 2020

Phipson on Evidence (editor with others) 20th ed 2021

Competition Litigation (contributor) 1st ed 2010, 2nd ed 2020

Documentary Evidence in Hong Kong 1st ed 2015, 2nd ed 2020

Directory Quotes

- "Charles is an immensely experienced advocate who is clear, to the point, and able to identify key issues. He is extremely sensible, persuasive, and impressive." (Legal 500 2025)
- "Charles is highly regarded. He has the ear of the court and presents his case with authority." (Legal 500 2025)
- "Charles is very helpful and is willing to listen and take on board other views." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "He is very easy to work with, incredibly conscientious and has great judgement." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Charles Hollander is not afraid to give the right, robust advice." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Charles Hollander works at a very high level." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Charles is very good and not frightened to give robust advice." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Charles Hollander is very impressive, thorough and in complete control in court. He provides a calming influence." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "Great advocate and very intelligent and quick on his feet." (Legal 500 2024)
- "Charles is a very effective advocate. His presentation and cross-examination are top notch." (Legal 500 2024)
- "Charles has an unrivalled knowledge of disclosure issues, very good commercial common sense and an easy and engaging courtroom manner. An excellent advocate." (Legal 500 2024)
- "Tenacious and bullish. You feel as though he is completely committed to the cause." (Legal 500 2024)
- "Charles is a very effective advocate. His presentation and cross-examination are top notch." (Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023)
- "He is very experienced - he has seen everything. Judges will listen to him because of this and he has got a very good client manner and inspires confidence." (Chambers & Partners 2023)
- "Charles is an extremely personable KC with an unparalleled depth of experience." "He has a very good client manner and inspires confidence." (Chambers & Partners 2023)
- "Exceptional on his feet." (Legal 500 2023)
- "Charles is a powerful advocate on his feet, and makes his voice heard amongst various other barristers where multiple parties are involved." (Legal 500 2023)
- "He is sharp, focused and always has the bigger picture in mind. Exceptional on his

feet." (Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022)

- "Outstanding on his feet and a pleasure to work with." (Chambers & Partners 2022)
- "He has a very strong reputation, particularly for specialist advice on legal professional privilege." (Chambers & Partners 2022)
- "Very clear and robust in his advice, but he is also an excellent listener who takes on board matters raised by other members of the team, regardless of seniority." (Legal 500 2022)
- "A very detail-minded barrister with good memory of all the details, which is important to find the inconsistencies of the other side." (Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021)
- "He is an extremely talented, with lots of knowledge in his mind – a global barrister who can share global experiences and knowledge to analyse the intercontinental conflicts in law among different countries," (Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021)
- "A top name for cases with a lot of documentary evidence." "He's very user-friendly, he masters the detail in a case and he really understands the client's points of pressure." (Chambers&Partners2021)
- "He is very effective and has good judgement." (Chambers & Partners 2021)
- "A terrific silk and brilliant to work with." (Legal 500 2021)
- "He has seen it all before so there is sophistication and nuance in his approach, which really produces results." (Legal 500 2021)
- "Charles Hollander KC is acclaimed for his advocacy in civil fraud claims, where his expertise includes freezing injunctions and asset tracing." (Who's Who Legal – UK Bar: Civil Fraud 2020)
- "Interviewees further note that, within a "wide breadth of commercial knowledge," he displays particularly finely-honed skill in competition and conflict of interest cases and those involving especially complex documentation or heard at the appellate level. They also testify extensively to his "rare clarity of expression" and "very detailed and meticulous cross-examinations," one observing: "His advocacy is forceful, and yet you can feel the gentleness of a London silk.""
(Chambers Asia Pacific 2020, Hong Kong, Commercial Dispute Resolution)
- "He very quickly gets up to speed, he's good with clients and he understands the wider commercial issues." "He's an excellent advocate and an acknowledged expert on documentary evidence." (Chambers&PartnersUK&Global2020)
- "An experienced silk who is admitted to practice at both the Hong Kong and UK Bars. As part of his wide-ranging commercial practice, he frequently takes on professional negligence cases involving solicitors' firms. He has particular specialist expertise in issues surrounding professional privilege and conflicts of interest." "He is seriously good opposition; he comes to a case with fresh arguments which people haven't thought of before." "He is a very effective and knowledgeable silk." (Chambers & Partners 2020)

- "He masters new factual material with ease and has a calm and effective approach to case preparation." (The Legal 500 2020)
- Charles Hollander KC is a "big hitter in the market" who "can cut through to the heart of the matter at hand", most notably when it comes to search orders, asset tracing and freezing injunctions. (Who's Who Legal - UK Bar: Civil Fraud 2019)
- "A delight to work with; in addition to being an excellent lawyer, he is very well liked by clients." "The master of disclosure issues and privilege, he's a good trial lawyer and a fine cross-examiner." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2019)
- "He is very experienced." "He is very knowledgeable. Thorough but practical, and willing to respond very quickly in an emergency." (Chambers & Partners 2019)
- "Massively experienced." (Chambers & Partners 2019)
- "An excellent technical lawyer and a persuasive advocate." (The Legal 500 2018-19)
- "He gives good advice in difficult areas, where judgement is needed as well as a good grasp of the law." (The Legal 500 2018-19)
- "Brick Court Chambers' Charles Hollander KC is also admitted to the Hong Kong Bar, where he is active in various disputes." "Excellent and robust – able to turn things around when the judiciary is not with you." (The Legal 500 2018-19 Asia Pacific: The English Bar – Commercial)
- "He's candid on the prospects of a case, not overly cautious, and he doesn't beat around the bush." "He is an acknowledged expert on documentary evidence." (Chambers & Partners 2018)
- "A go-to silk on heavyweight commercial disputes and claims involving discrete conflict or confidentiality issues." "Charming and highly able." (Chambers & Partners 2018)
- "A highly experienced sport lawyer," who is "clear and decisive in his approach." (Chambers & Partners 2018)
- "Seen as the leading lawyer on conflicts by many firms." (The Legal 500 2017)
- "Charles has an excellent understanding of sports law and a great feel for tactics and the wider picture. He has great authority but remains highly approachable." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "He has the ability to provide focused and practical solutions." "He is massively persuasive; it's very clear from a very early stage that he knows what he's talking about." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "A sound, methodical thinker who is good at getting the court to listen to what he has to say." "He is good to work with, an excellent advocate and an acknowledged expert on documentary evidence." (Chambers & Partners 2017)
- "A truly great and genuine team player suited to complex, large legal team litigation." (The Legal 500 2016)

- "Experienced in a wide range of sports matters, including tennis, football and cricket." (The Legal 500 2016)
- "He is incisive, flexible and good to work with. He is an excellent advocate and the acknowledged expert on documentary evidence." (Chambers & Partners 2016)
- "Charles is naturally authoritative and unbelievably clever, but not a grandstander – he is very methodical and sensible." (Chambers & Partners 2016)
- "Charles Hollander is first-rate for difficult claims against professionals. He has a good manner with clients in testing circumstances, he is strong on devising strategies and has a comprehensive knowledge of commercial and professional law. His judicial experience enables him to give authoritative and helpful advice on how defences are likely to be received. He inspires confidence and works extremely well with the solicitor teams on cases." (Chambers & Partners 2016)
- "A silk held in high esteem by solicitors, who has significant courtroom presence and intellectual ability and a reputation for being very easy to work with." (Chambers & Partners 2015)
- "He has an intricate mind and can devise points that few others can think of" (Chambers & Partners 2015)
- "Ascends to the top tier of commercial silks after receiving outstanding feedback for a broad commercial and chancery practice. He is noted for sector specialisms pertaining to the media and sports industries." (Chambers & Partners 2014)
- "Charles is a formidable advocate and his intellect and ability to distil down complex issues are second to none." "A class act, brilliant on his feet and able to answer complex legal questions in a concise and user-friendly style." (Chambers & Partners 2014)
- "The 'phenomenal' Charles Hollander KC at Brick Court Chambers handles Formula 1, boxing and football cases" (The Legal 500 2013)
- "An extremely impressive advocate who is very thorough and handles matters with fantastic skill." Sources applaud his "piercingly crisp" advocacy, and use him for matters of great import." (Chambers & Partners 2013)
- "A cerebral silk and a strong advocate" who is well loved by instructing solicitors as he forms "precise and steady views." He "knows everything there is to know about disclosure" and is "excellent with clients." "When we've got something really tricky we know we can count on him," say his devotees." (Chambers & Partners 2013)
- "an absolute pleasure to work with and is always absolutely on top of his game." Sources are full of praise for his "direct, incisive advice – he doesn't hedge his bets." (Chambers & Partners 2011)
- "renowned for possessing a formidable intellect and "a really good way of putting across complicated arguments in simple terms." (Chambers & Partners 2011)

- Universally known as a "great performer," he "always delivers incredibly erudite, balanced and well-polished arguments." (Chambers & Partners 2010)
- brings a fantastic cerebral approach to cases, is extremely clever and preps cases thoroughly from a very early stage." (Chambers & Partners 2010)
- "Authoritative and commercial,"; "a superb leader who shows an immense amount of tact and diplomacy in sensitive cases." (Chambers & Partners 2009)