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"Simon is quite simply the pre-eminent silk of the moment."

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Practice Overview

Simon Salzedo KC is ranked as a "Star Individual" for Commercial Dispute Resolution and for Professional Negligence. He has band 1 rankings for Banking, Insurance, and Chancery: Commercial. He is also recommended as a leading silk for Civil Fraud, Group Litigation, International Arbitration and Offshore work. Simon has won Silk of the Year for Commercial Litigation (Chambers & Partners, 2022) and Professional Negligence (Chambers & Partners 2025, 2019 and Legal 500, 2024 and 2023).

Simon is author of the leading practitioner works in three areas: Conflicts of Interest; Accountants' Negligence and Liability; and Fraud and Breach of Warranty (M&A litigation).

Simon is a Governing Bencher of Lincoln's Inn and a Director of Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund Limited. He sat as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Commercial Court and the Chancery Division from 2019 to 2025.

Appellate and trial advocacy

"Simon's advocacy was among some of best I have witnessed. He is always across the detail, delivered perfectly and always knows the winning points." (Chambers & Partners 2027)

"Simon Salzedo's advocacy exposed the weaknesses in the other side's case with rapier-like accuracy and quiet effectiveness." (Chambers & Partners 2027)

"Unlike some, he can moderate his tone accordingly to suit a tribunal - I have seen him employ both very understated advocacy and also very aggressive advocacy. Simon does a fabulous job and clients absolutely love him." (Chambers & Partners 2027)

"Simon Salzedo is someone whom the court listens to. His advocacy style is such that the bench knows he will say something sensible. His submissions have particular power." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Simon is exceptionally good and his advocacy is flawless in my view. He is persuasive and enjoyable to listen to." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"He is an iron fist in a silk glove, steely but smooth." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"An outstanding advocate with an outstanding brain: when he speaks the Supreme Court listens carefully." (Legal 500 2023)

"He is self contained, on top of his brief and one of the few barristers who is more of an expert than the expert. Calm under pressure and unfailingly courteous, he wins over the judge and allows witnesses to be drawn in only to fall into the trap. A class act." (Legal 500, 2023)

"His arguments are short, sweet and punchy. His advocacy is the same. He does not take pointless points." (Chambers & Partners, 2022)

Simon has substantial trial experience and 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. He has the intellectual credibility and the experience required to impress at the highest level.

In the Supreme Court Simon has appeared in two of the most important commercial appeals of recent times. He represented an appellant insurer in *Financial Conduct Authority v Arch Insurance* [2021] UKSC 1, [2021] AC 649 (the business interruption insurance test case) and also the respondent auditor in *Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton* (in which a 7 Judge panel recast the scope of duty principle) [2021] UKSC 20, [2022] AC 783.

In *Playboy Club London Ltd v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro* [2018] UKSC 43; [2018] 1 WLR 4041 Simon argued an important case concerning the duty of care of a bank giving a reference. In *Consolidated Contractors v Masri* [2011] UKPC 29, Simon persuaded the Privy Council to strike out an appeal as an abuse of process.

Simon argues cases in the Court of Appeal on a wide variety of subject matters. Recent examples include: *Umbrella Interchange Fee Claimants v Umbrella Interchange Fee Defendants* [2024] EWCA Civ 1559, [2025] 2 All ER 1009 (Brexit, collective proceedings, limitation periods); *Project Angel Bidco v Axis Managing Agency* [2024] EWCA Civ 446, [2024] 1 CLC 812, 214 Con LR 24 (interpretation of exclusion clause in warranty and indemnity insurance policy); *Vale SA v BHP Group (UK) Ltd* [2023] EWCA Civ 1388 (forum non conveniens, Brazilian law); *School Facility Management v Christ the King College* [2021] EWCA Civ 1053, [2021] 1 WLR 6129 (unjust enrichment, counter-restitution principle); *PricewaterhouseCoopers v BTI* [2021] EWCA Civ 9 (abuse of process, collateral attack); *AssetCo v Grant Thornton* [2021] PNLR 1 (loss of chance,

credit for benefits); *Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton* [2019] 1 WLR 4610 (scope of duty principle); *Playboy v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro* [2018] EWCA Civ 2025, [2019] LLR 90 (deceit, abuse of process); *UBS v KWL* [2017] 2 Lloyd's Rep 621 (investment fund manager negligence, causation, quantum); *Lush v Gerrie* [2017] 2 BCLC 456 (construction of Articles of Association re pre-emption rights).

Commercial

Chambers & Partners Commercial Litigation Silk of the Year 2022

Star Individual, Chambers & Partners; Tier 1, Legal 500

"*Simon is completely across the most complex of cases, with it being clear that he has gone through and truly understood every part of his submissions and cross-examination preparation. He gives clear, decisive advice and is also a deeply kind person to work with.*" (Chambers & Partners 2027)

"He skewers you with brilliant intellect. He is superb." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Simon Salzedo is really outstanding. He is the full package and very hands-on. He is good at project management." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Aside from his personable nature, Simon is extremely quick on his feet and very adept at analysing legal principles and breaking down complex points into simple language. His advocacy is effective as his delivery is effortless." (Legal 500, 2026)

"Simon is a superstar of the Bar. He's immensely clever and creative in a way you just don't see with other barristers." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Simon is so down to earth and kind to every member of the team, from trainees to junior associates. His advocacy style is persuasive and you get the sense that he is highly respected by the judiciary." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"One of the leading silks of his generation for commercial law. Fantastic judgement, and deep knowledge and understanding of the law. A great team player, and regarded amongst peers at the Bar as one of the best." (Legal 500 2024)

Simon has wide experience in all manner of cases in the Commercial Court, including injunctions and jurisdiction disputes, contractual disputes, M&A litigation, company disputes, allegations of fraud, banking and financial cases, insurance, professional negligence, natural resources, arbitration applications and group claims.

Civil fraud

"*Simon is brilliant working on very big and serious fraud cases. He is all over the detail and sees the bigger picture. He is very nimble and able to adapt his style and questioning."* (Chambers & Partners 2027)

"*Simon is a much in-demand silk. He has a brilliant legal brain, and he thinks strategically. An excellent advocate, measured and clear, he reads the courtroom very well.*" (Chambers & Partners 2027)

"He makes it look effortless." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"*He is in a class of his own. He combines phenomenal intellectual firepower with calm strategic judgement and an instinctive feel for what will resonate with courts and tribunals at every level.*" (Legal 500 2026)

"Simon is so down to earth and kind to every member of the team, from trainees to junior associates. His advocacy style is persuasive and you get the sense that he is highly respected by the judiciary." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Simon is a grand master on his feet. He is technically brilliant, extremely easy to work with and hugely responsive." (Legal 500 2025)

"He is an iron fist in a silk glove, steely but smooth." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"He is absolutely first rate - he gets into the detail and is tactical and strategic. I have a lot of trust in his advice." "Simon is a genius. He is incredibly on top of the law and the numbers. He is a fantastic advocate, very calm and collected." "Simon is a class act. He is so effective in cross-examination." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Simon is an outstanding barrister and provides a brilliant service for clients." "Simon is very reliable, very responsive and a source of support." "He is a great advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2023)

"Exceptional with clients. He has a truly wonderful way of bringing things to life or making them simple or getting the client to understand why they are wrong – essentially whatever is needed to move the matter forward and ensure that the client has truly understood the advice that is being given." (Legal 500 2022)

Many of Simon's M&A Dispute cases – see below – involve fraud allegations. A few examples of other recent reported fraud work are:

- In *Njord Partners v Astir Maritime* [2020] EWHC 3474 (Comm), acting for the claimant, Simon secured the continuation of a freezing order against a fraud defendant who had made allegations of non-disclosure, with indemnity costs secured a Part 71 examination despite jurisdictional objections: [2021] EWHC 1819 (Comm); and obtained judgment for the fraud at

trial [2024] EWHC 1682 (Comm).

- 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 with indemnity costs: see *KeyMed v Hillman and another* [2019] EWHC 485 (Ch);
- Simon established in the Court of Appeal that it was not an abuse of process to bring a fraud claim after a negligence allegation arising out of the same factual background had failed for want of duty of care: *Playboy v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro* [2018] EWCA Civ 2025, [2019] LLR 90.

M&A Disputes

Simon has specialist experience and expertise in all kinds of disputes arising from corporate transactions. He is the lead author of the specialist text: *Fraud and Breach of Warranty: Buyers' Claims and Sellers' Defences* (*2nd ed, 2024*).

Simon regularly advises both claimants and defendants on claims arising from transactions involving private equity and other funds, allegations of fraud made by purchasers against vendors and on injunctive and other relief arising from conflicts of interest or contractual issues. He also brings and defends claims under warranty and indemnity insurance.

Simon has been active in merger appraisal cases under Companies Law s.238 in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands, appearing in three trials (*Trina Solar, Ikang* and *FGL*) and the successful appeal in *Trina Solar* (Cayman Islands Court of Appeal, Appeal No 009 of 2021).

His reported M&A cases include:

- *Veranova v Johnson Matthey* (fraudulent breach of warranty) [2026] EWHC 1021 (Comm)
- *Project Angel Bidco v Axis Managing Agency* [2024] EWCA Civ 446, [2024] Lloyd's Rep IR 411 (warranty and indemnity insurance, exclusions, construction)
- *Slater & Gordon v Watchstone Group* [2019] EWHC 2371 (Comm) (£600m fraud claim, settled on eve of trial);
- *Autonomy Corp Ltd v Lynch* [2018] EWHC 2105 (Ch) ($5bn fraud claim*);*
- *Ageas v Kwik-Fit* [2013] EWHC 3261 (QB) (breach of warranty, notice provisions, service);
- *Porton v 3M* [2011] EWHC 2895 (Comm) (6 week trial of earnout damages claim);
- *MAN v Freightliner* [2007] EWHC 2347 (Comm) (14 week trial of claim for fraud and breach of warranty).

Banking and finance

Band 1, Chambers & Partners

"*Simon has a brilliant legal brain and thinks strategically; not all barristers do. He is an excellent advocate, measured and clear, and reads the courtroom very well.*" (Chambers & Partners 2027)

"Simon has brought some very innovative thinking to a very complex case." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Simon is at the top of his game. He is excellent in financial disputes." (Legal 500 2026)

"Simon is a multi-talented barrister. Fiercely analytical in his approach and a compelling and persuasive advocate." (Legal 500 2025)

"He's very clever and is a pretty tough advocate as well." "He's a problem solver and focuses on the way through things." "Simon Salzedo is down to earth and a good team player to work with." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"He is technically very able and good with numbers." "He is technically bright, but also commercial. His arguments are short, sweet and punchy. His advocacy is the same. He does not take pointless points." (Chambers & Partners, 2022)

Some examples of Simon's reported banking work are:

- *Arena Television v Bank of Scotland Plc* [2025] EWHC 3036 (Comm) concerning issues of actual authority and scope of duty in the context of Quincecare/Philipp claims against banks.
- *Abernethy v Barclays Bank* UK and others [2025] EWCC 1 where Simon successfully resisted a Group Litigation Order being made in relation to PPI claims.
- Simon obtained summary judgment on a finance debt of €172 million in *Heritage Travel & Tourism Ltd v Windhorst and others* [2021] EWHC 2380, defeating arguments of economic duress, contractual construction, rectification and the penalty doctrine.
- In *Playboy Club v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro SpA* [2018] UKSC 43; [2018] 1 WLR 4041, Simon represented 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 decided that it could proceed, overturning a strike out a first instance based on abuse of process: [2018] EWCA Civ 2025, [2019] LLR 90. The case settled shortly after a second trial in 2020.
- 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.

Group and ESG Litigation

Band 3, Legal 500

"Exceptionally clever - in a room full of KCs, he will still have six uniquely brilliant points to make after everyone else has already spoken! His advocacy style is clear and calm, and he is always one step ahead." (Legal 500 2027)

Simon has substantial experience in group and ESG litigation. Examples of his recent work include:

- Simon represented Vale SA in relation to the Fundao Dam litigation, which purports to be a claim by over 700,000 claimants for some $36 billion: Município De Mariana v BHP Group (UK) Ltd including at [2022] EWHC 330 (TCC), [2023] EWHC 1134 (TCC), [2023] EWHC 2030 (TCC), [2023] EWHC 2607 (TCC), [2023] EWCA Civ 1388.
- Simon acted for Visa in relation to the complex and long-running interchange fee litigation in the Competition Appeal Tribunal, in which he argued an important legal issue relating to the effect of the Brexit legislation on accrued EU law rights. His arguments were accepted by the Tribunal at [2023] CAT 49, [2023] Bus LR 1879 and by the Court of Appeal [2024] EWCA Civ 1559, [2025] 2 All ER 1009.
- Simon acted for a big 4 UK banking group in several group consumer claims arising out of vehicle emissions, PPI commissions and vehicle finance contracts and was successful in resisting an application for a Group Litigation Order in *Abernethy and others v Barclays Bank Plc and others* [2025] EWCC 1.

Chancery: commercial

Band 1, Chambers & Partners

"Simon is just totally brilliant. He is so thorough in his research, and always clear and compelling when on his feet." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Extremely willing to get into the detail of the case and grapple with the facts in an impressive way. He gives firm advice, including on merits, in situations where some barristers may have a tendency to sit on the fence. Simon is very well regarded by the judiciary and comes across very well on his feet." "He's a fantastic advocate and a very calm and collected person." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Simon is very bright. He grapples with difficult issues and breaks them down into simple terms that the client appreciates." "He is very reliable, responsive, and a great source of support." (Chambers &

Partners 2023)

Simon has substantial experience in commercial disputes in the Chancery Division involving company law, accounting, taxation, trusts, pensions and intellectual property issues. As an author of all 7 editions of "Conflicts of Interest", Simon is also a specialist in conflicts issues.

Examples of Simon's reported work in the Chancery Division include:

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

Insurance and reinsurance

Band 1, Chambers & Partners

"Simon is a silk who is in high demand and for very good reason. He is incredibly intelligent, and his cross-examination is formidable, with an ability to flex his style to great effect. His oral submissions are well prepared, succinct, and compelling. Simon is enjoyable to work with and extremely impressive on his feet." (Legal 500 2027)

"He is all over the detail in a way that many others aren't, and thus comes up with things that others don't. He is unflappable in court." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"He is a brilliant operator, who is experienced and brings calm insights. Simon is very robust on points that are worth arguing, and very clear in terms of how best to put forward an argument." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Simon is exceptionally good and his advocacy is flawless in my view. He is persuasive and enjoyable to listen to." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Seriously good on his feed, and seriously intelligent." (Legal 500 2026)

Simon is hugely intelligent, delightful to work with and has a disarming ability to make the most complicated of propositions sound simple." (Legal 500 2025)

"Simon has a fierce intellect and a fluent and captivating advocacy style." (Legal 500 2024)

"An outstanding advocate with an outstanding brain: when he speaks the Supreme Court listens carefully." (Legal 500 2023)

Simon acts for insurers and policyholders in relation to all kinds of insurance and reinsurance issues. He represented Argenta syndicate in the FCA business interruption insurance test case in the Commercial Court [2020] Lloyd's Rep IR 527, and in the Supreme Court [2021] UKSC 1, [2021] AC 649.

Simon has represented both insurers and policyholders in numerous confidential arbitrations. His reported insurance cases in court include:

- *Nord Stream AG v Lloyd's Insurance Company and others* [2026] EWHC 1685 (Comm) (Offshore pipeline property insurance, war risks exclusion, factual causation).
- *Project Angel Bidco v Axis Managing Agency* [2024] EWCA Civ 446, [2024] Lloyd's Rep IR 411 (warranty and indemnity insurance, exclusions, construction)
- *FCA v Arch and other* [2021] AC 649 (business interruption, causation)
- *Standard Life v Ace and others* [2012] Lloyd's Rep IR 655, [2013] 1 All ER (Comm) 1371 (financial services liability insurance , apportionment of losses);
- *Toomey v Banco Vitalicio de Espana* [2005] Lloyd's Rep IR 423 (contingency reinsurance);
- *GE Reinsurance v New Hampshire Insurance* [2004] Lloyd's Rep IR 404 (film finance, reinsurance);
- *The Prestrioka* [2003] 2 Lloyd's Rep 327 (marine cargo, institute clauses);
- *The Travel Insurance Litigation* (travel insurance, binding authorities) [2002] CLC 41;
- *Equitable Life v Hyman* [2002] 1 AC 408 (life cover, annuities).

Arbitration (as counsel)

"Simon is quite simply the pre-eminent silk of the moment (Legal 500 2026)

"Simon Salzedo has clear understanding of the issues and is measured in dealing with parties." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"His advocacy is a delight to listen to. He is fluent, persuasive, amusing and altogether very impressive indeed." (Legal 500 2023)

"Incredibly bright, and whilst always polite, identifies the key points quickly and effectively." (Legal 500 2022)

"An excellent judge of when to go for the jugular on a particular point and really sees the big picture – put simply, if you are in for a tough battle involving fine points of law there is no other counsel I would rather have on my side." (Legal 500 2021)

"He is very authoritative and is always in control of what's going on." "A very sharp advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2020)

Simon is the author of the Guide to the Arbitration Act 1996.

Simon has appeared in numerous arbitration hearings, both international and domestic, including under ICC and LCIA rules. The subject matters have included disputes between banks and clients, reinsurance, insurance, shareholder disputes, 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.

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);
- *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).

Private international law

"He focuses on both the detail and the bigger picture, and he is excellent on jurisdictional issues." (Chambers & Partners 2021)

Simon has considerable experience in conflicts of laws. His reported cases involving the conflict of laws include:

- *Município de Mariana v BHP Group (UK) Ltd* [2023] EWHC 2030 (TCC), [2023] EWCA Civ 1388 (forum non conveniens, contribution claims, Brazilian law);
- *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 (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).

Professional negligence

Chambers & Partners Professional Negligence Silk of the Year 2019 and 2025

Legal 500 Professional Negligence Silk of the Year 2023 and 2024

Star individual in Chambers & Partners; Tier 1 in Legal 500

"The best of the best in his field, he has a way of cutting through the noise to get to the heart of the issues. You won't want anyone else with you in court other than Simon." (Chambers & Partners 2027)

"A very thorough and persuasive advocate, he always knows the case and the law inside out." (Legal 500 2026)

"Simon is an excellent strategist, who thinks through every move carefully. He is first rate for disputes involving finance issues." (Legal 500 2024)

"He sees round all the corners that mere mortals don't." "In my view he's brilliant at anything he touches, and incredibly good at anything to do with accounts and maths." (Chambers & Partners 2023)

Simon is lead author of *Accountants' Liability and Negligence*, now in its 2nd edition. He was a qualified chartered accountant (ACA 1993, FCA 2010). He has expertise in all forms of financial and legal professional negligence and disciplinary issues including auditing, taxation, valuation, financial advice, pension and investment fund management.

His reported cases in this field include:

- *NMC v Ernst & Young* [2024] EWHC 3021 (Comm); [2025] EWHC 1048 (Comm): Simon represented the claimant company in administration in its claim for £2.7bn against its former auditors in various interlocutories and in the 43 day Commercial Court trial in 2025. The case settled after the completion of the trial but before judgment.
- *Nationwide v Bank of New York Mellon and another* [2025] EWHC 1046 (Comm) where Simon represented magic circle solicitors successfully resisting an attempt by BNY to strike

out a Part 20 Claim following which the case settled.

- *Patisserie Holdings v Grant Thornton* [2021] EWHC 3122 (Comm), [2022] Bus LR 1 in which Simon successfully resisted disclosure of audit files sought by the liquidators of the Patisserie Valerie group.
- *Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton* [2018] EWHC 963 (Comm), [2018] PNLR 27 where Simon's client, an auditor which had admitted negligence, was found liable at trial for less than 1% of the sums claimed, based on the application of the scope of duty ('SAAMCO') principle. Simon successfully defended the result in the Court of Appeal, [2019] EWCA Civ 40, [2019] 1 WLR 4610. These findings were overturned by the Supreme Court in its controversial decision at [2022] AC 783.
- *AssetCo Plc v Grant Thornton* [2021] PNLR 1, where Simon, who did not appear at the trial, obtained on appeal a significant reduction in the damages awarded against his clients.
- *BTI 2014 LLC v PricewaterhouseCoopers* [2021] EWCA Civ 9, in which Simon sought to strike out the audit claim as an abuse of process on the basis of collateral attack.
- *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 on a £50 million claim based on the disclaimer in its audit report.

Constitutional, Public and competition Law

In the Interchange Fee litigation in the Competition Appeal Tribunal and the Court of Appeal, Simon successfully argued that the Brexit legislation did not leave any space for allegedly accrued rights in EU law to be pursued in domestic Courts: *Umbrella Interchange Fee Claimants v Umbrella Interchange Fee Defendants* [2023] CAT 49, [2023] Bus LR 1879, [2023] 5 CMLR 24; [2024] EWCA Civ 1559, [2025] 2 All ER 1009; [2025] Bus LR 1152.

Simon settled written submissions on constitutional issues for one of the intervenors in Miller in the Supreme Court [2018] AC 61 and for the Law Society in *Belhadj v Security Service* (Investigatory Powers Tribunal, 29.4.15) on issues of privilege.

Publications

Podcasts

Banking and Fraud: The Quincecare Duty (with Tony Singla KC)

Books

Accountants' Negligence and Liability (with Tony Singla KC), Bloomsbury Professional, second edition 2021.

Fraud and Breach of Warranty (with Andrew McIntyre and Sophie Shaw), Bloomsbury Professional, 2020, second edition 2024.

Conflicts of Interest (with Charles Hollander KC), Sweet & Maxwell, seventh edition 2026.

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

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

Articles

"Improper leverage? Own interest conflicts and the designation model in leveraged finance transactions" (2023) 4 JIBFL 209.

"Validation of the Financial Collateral Arrangement Regulations post-Brexit: legal considerations" (2021) 4 JIBFL 250.

"Negative interest rates: reflections on the role of formulae in contracts" (2020) 1 JIBFL 22.

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

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

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

Qualifications

Simon graduated top of his year at the University of Oxford in philosophy politics and economics, qualified as a chartered accountant with Price Waterhouse 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. He was appointed a Deputy High Court Judge in 2019. He was elected a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn in 2021.

Selected Reported Cases

- *Nord Stream AG v Lloyd's Insurance Company and others* [2026] EWHC 1685 (Comm)
- *Arena Television (in Liquidation) v Bank of Scotland Plc* [2025] EWHC 3036 (Comm)
- *Nationwide Building Society v Bank of New York Mellon* [2025] EWHC 1046 (Comm)
- *Abernethy v Barclays Bank UK Plc* [2025] EWCC 1
- *NMC Health Plc v Ernst & Young* [2024] EWHC 3021 (Comm); [2025] EWHC 1048 (Comm)
- *Angel v Black Horse Ltd* [2025] EWHC 490 (KB)
- *Umbrella Interchange Fee Claimants v Umbrella Interchange Fee Defendants* [2024] EWCA Civ 1559, [2025] 2 All ER 1009
- *Njord Partners v Astir Maritime* [2024] EWHC 1682 (Comm)
- *Project Angel Bidco v Axis Managing Agency* [2024] EWCA Civ 446; 214 Con LR 24
- *Municipio de Mariana v BHP Group (UK) Ltd* [2023] EWHC 2030 (TCC)
- *Patisserie Holdings Plc (In Liquidation) v Grant Thornton UK LLP* [2021] EWHC 3022 (Comm), [2022] Bus. L.R. 1
- *Heritage Travel and Tourism Ltd v Windhorst* [2021] EWHC 2380 (Comm)
- *School Facility Management Ltd v Governing Body of Christ the King College* [2021] EWCA Civ 1053, [2021] 1 W.L.R. 6129
- *Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton UK LLP* [2021] UKSC 20, [2022] A.C. 783
- *Financial Conduct Authority v Arch Insurance (UK) Ltd* [2021] UKSC 1, [2021] A.C. 649
- *PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP v BTI 2014 LLC* [2021] EWCA Civ 9
- *Njord Partners SMA-Seal LP v Astir Maritime Ltd* [2020] EWHC 3474 (Comm)
- *AssetCo Plc v Grant Thornton UK LLP* [2020] EWCA Civ 1151, [2021] 3 All E.R. 517, [2021] Bus. L.R. 142, [2021] 2 B.C.L.C. 227, [2021] P.N.L.R. 1
- *Keymed (Medical and Industrial Equipment Ltd) v Hillman* [2019] EWHC 485 (Ch)
- *Playboy Club London Ltd v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro SpA* [2018] EWCA Civ 2025, [2019] L.L.R. 90
- *Playboy Club London Ltd v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro SpA* [2018] UKSC 43, [2018] 1 W.L.R.

4041, [2019] 2 All E.R. 478

- *UBS AG (London Branch) v Kommunale Wasserwerke Leipzig GmbH* [2017] EWCA Civ 1567, [2017] 2 Lloyd's Rep. 621
- *Marashen Ltd v Kenvett Ltd* [2017] EWHC 1706 (Ch), [2018] 1 W.L.R. 288
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Selected Directory Quotes

"His written advocacy is phenomenal - he is completely on top of the detail. He does so much of the drafting and is always alive to the broader issues in a case." (Chambers & Partners, Commercial Dispute Resolution UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon is a delight to work with and a fierce cross-examiner." (Chambers & Partners, Commercial Dispute Resolution UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon is completely across the most complex of cases, with it being clear that he has gone through and truly understood every part of his submissions and cross-examination preparation. He gives clear, decisive advice and is also a deeply kind person to work with." (Chambers & Partners, Commercial Dispute Resolution UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon Salzedo's advocacy exposed the weaknesses in the other side's case with rapier-like accuracy and quiet effectiveness. (Chambers & Partners, Commercial Dispute Resolution UK Bar, 2027)

"Unlike some, he can moderate his tone accordingly to suit a tribunal - I have seen him employ both very understated advocacy and also very aggressive advocacy. Simon does a fabulous job and clients absolutely love him." (Chambers & Partners, Commercial Dispute Resolution UK Bar, 2027)

"He is one of the first-choice silks. He is great to deal with and makes the complicated simple with clients and in court." (Chambers & Partners, Professional Negligence UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon is a leader in the professional negligence field, and an absolutely outstanding barrister." (Chambers & Partners, Professional Negligence UK Bar, 2027)

"The best of the best in his field, he has a way of cutting through the noise to get to the heart of the issues. You won't want anyone else with you in court other than Simon." (Chambers & Partners, Professional Negligence UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon Salzedo KC is the market-leading silk. (Chambers & Partners, Professional Negligence UK

Bar, 2027)

"Simon has a brilliant legal brain and thinks strategically; not all barristers do. He is an excellent advocate, measured and clear, and reads the courtroom very well." (Chambers & Partners, Banking & Finance UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon is brilliant. He's one of our go-to barristers, fantastic." (Chambers & Partners, Chancery: Commercial UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon is a super star." (Chambers & Partners, Chancery: Commercial UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon is brilliant working on very big and serious fraud cases. He is all over the detail and sees the bigger picture. He is very nimble and able to adapt his style and questioning." (Chambers & Partners, Fraud: Civil UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon is a much in-demand silk. He has a brilliant legal brain, and he thinks strategically. An excellent advocate, measured and clear, he reads the courtroom very well." (Chambers & Partners, Fraud: Civil UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon's advocacy was among some of best I have witnessed. He is always across the detail, delivered perfectly and always knows the winning points." (Chambers & Partners, Fraud: Civil UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon absolutely nailed it." (Chambers & Partners, International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon did a fabulous job, and clients absolutely love him." (Chambers & Partners, International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance UK Bar, 2027)

"Simon is an incredibly kind, nice guy. He always finds the time for us, and the clients love him." (Chambers & Partners, International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance UK Bar, 2027)

"He has the ability to master complex details and reduce them to simple submissions. He is intellectually agile and can deal with curveballs thrown by the opposition or the judge without breaking a sweat. His advocacy is low-key but devastatingly effective." (Legal 500, 2027, Group Litigation)

"Exceptionally clever - in a room full of KCs, he will still have six uniquely brilliant points to make after everyone else has already spoken! His advocacy style is clear and calm, and he is always one step ahead." (Legal 500, 2027, Insurance and Reinsurance)

"Simon is a silk who is in high demand and for very good reason. He is incredibly intelligent, and his cross-examination is formidable, with an ability to flex his style to great effect. His oral submissions are well prepared, succinct, and compelling. Simon is enjoyable to work with and extremely impressive on his feet." (Legal 500, 2027, Professional Negligence)

"Simon is quite simply the pre-eminent silk of the moment." (Legal 500 2026, International Arbitration)

"He is in a class of his own. He combines phenomenal intellectual firepower with calm strategic judgement and an instinctive feel for what will resonate with courts and tribunals at every level." (Legal 500, 2026, Fraud: civil)

"Top of his game. All round excellence in financial disputes." (Legal 500, 2026, Banking and finance)

"He skewers you with brilliant intellect. He is superb." (Chambers & Partners, Commercial Dispute Resolution, 2026)

"He makes it look effortless." (Chambers & Partners, Fraud: Civil, 2026)

"He is all over the detail in a way that many others aren't, and thus comes up with things that others don't. He is unflappable in court." (Chambers & Partners, Insurance, 2026)

"He is a brilliant operator, who is experienced and brings calm insights. Simon is very robust on points that are worth arguing, and very clear in terms of how best to put forward an argument." (Chambers & Partners, Insurance, 2026)

"Simon is just totally brilliant. He is so thorough in his research, and always clear and compelling when on his feet." (Chambers & Partners 2026, Chancery: Commercial)

"Simon has brought some very innovative thinking to a very complex case." (Chambers & Partners, Banking & Finance, 2026)

"Simon Salzedo is really outstanding. He is the full package and very hands-on. He is good at project management." (Chambers & Partners, Commercial Dispute Resolution, 2026)

"Simon Salzedo is someone whom the court listens to. His advocacy style is such that the bench knows he will say something sensible. His submissions have particular power." (Chambers & Partners, Commercial Dispute Resolution, 2026)

"Simon is exceptionally good and his advocacy is flawless in my view. He is persuasive and enjoyable to listen to." (Chambers & Partners, Insurance, 2026)

"A very thorough and persuasive advocate, he always knows the case and the law inside out."(Legal 500 2026, Professional negligence)

"He is incredibly bright; he thinks about new and novel points of law and is a lateral thinker." (Chambers & Partners 2025, Banking & Finance)

"He is so down to earth for someone of his stature and ability. His advocacy is persuasive; you

immediately get the sense that he is highly respected by the judiciary and he knows what will land well." (Chambers & Partners 2025, Offshore)

"Simon is in very high demand but he makes time for you. He is so down to earth in such an unexpected way for someone of his stature. In court he invariably builds a rapport with the judge." (Chambers & Partners 2025, Commercial Chancery)

"Simon is an effective advocate because he's so clever and clear in his thinking. He is very determined and good at pushing forward his position." (Chambers & Partners 2025, Commercial Chancery; Banking & Finance)

"His invariably calm, clear and measured advice in pressured circumstances is always appreciated by clients. He is extremely responsive and will give firm views where required." (Chambers & Partners 2025, Professional Negligence)

"Simon is extremely thorough when it comes to detail and he makes very compelling submissions. I think he's one of the cleverest advocates you can encounter." (Chambers & Partners 2025, International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance)

"Simon's written and verbal advice is considered and timely, including his ability to come up with novel arguments." (Chambers & Partners 2025, Insurance & Reinsurance)

"Simon is a superstar of the Bar. He's immensely clever and creative in a way you just don't see with other barristers." (Chambers & Partners 2025, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Simon is so down to earth and kind to every member of the team, from trainees to junior associates. His advocacy style is persuasive and you get the sense that he is highly respected by the judiciary." (Chambers & Partners 2025, Civil Fraud; Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"He is an iron fist in a silk glove, steely but smooth." (Chambers & Partners 2025, Civil Fraud)

"Simon is a multi-talented barrister. Fiercely analytical in his approach and a compelling and persuasive advocate." (Legal 500 2025, Banking & Finance)

"Simon is a grand master on his feet. He is technically brilliant, extremely easy to work with and hugely responsive." (Legal 500 2025, Civil Fraud)

"Simon is hugely intelligent, delightful to work with and has a disarming ability to make the most complicated of propositions sound simple." (Legal 500 2025, Insurance)

"Extremely willing to get into the detail of the case and grapple with the facts in an impressive way. He gives firm advice, including on merits, in situations where some barristers may have a tendency to sit on the fence. Simon is very well regarded by the judiciary and comes across very well on his feet." "He's a fantastic advocate and a very calm and collected person." (Chambers & Partners

2024, Commercial Chancery)

"He is absolutely first rate - he gets into the detail and is tactical and strategic. I have a lot of trust in his advice." "Simon is a genius. He is incredibly on top of the law and the numbers. He is a fantastic advocate, very calm and collected." "Simon is a class act. He is so effective in cross-examination." (Chambers & Partners 2024, Civil Fraud)

"Simon's a genius - he's incredible on the law. His grasp of technical accounting terms is second to none. He's also a fantastic advocate - he doesn't grandstand." "Simon is fantastic. He's very good on financial valuation matters and is very client-friendly." "Simon's one of the absolute standouts at the Bar - he's brilliant in all aspects. He's a deep thinker and clear in his advocacy." (Chambers & Partners 2024, Offshore)

"One of the leading silks of his generation for commercial law. Fantastic judgement, and deep knowledge and understanding of the law. A great team player, and regarded amongst peers at the Bar as one of the best." (Legal 500 2024, Commercial Litigation)

"Simon has a fierce intellect and a fluent and captivating advocacy style." (Legal 500 2024, Insurance & Reinsurance)

"Simon is an excellent strategist, who thinks through every move carefully. He is first rate for disputes involving finance issues." (Legal 500 2024, Professional Negligence)

"Simon is excellent with clients. He gains their trust and delivers his advice with a clarity and brevity that can disarm even the most frustrated client. Simon is also an extremely talented advocate." (Legal 500 2024, Civil Fraud)

"Simon is very bright. He grapples with difficult issues and breaks them down into simple terms that the client appreciates." "He is very reliable, responsive, and a great source of support." (Chambers & Partners 2023, Commercial Chancery)

"He sees round all the corners that mere mortals don't." "In my view he's brilliant at anything he touches, and incredibly good at anything to do with accounts and maths." (Chambers & Partners 2023, Professional Negligence)

"He is intelligent and tenacious - a strong advocate." "A lawyer with a first-rate legal brain." "Simon is all over the detail, has a great strategic approach and is fantastic on his feet." (Chambers & Partners 2023, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Simon has a very attractive advocacy style." "Simon is a great advocate and really analytical." "His advice on strategy is first rate." (Chambers & Partners 2023, Insurance & Reinsurance)

"A hugely intelligent advocate who is excellent on complex, high value matters." (Who's Who Legal

2022, Commercial Litigation)

"Simon's approach to advocacy is well-tempered and he oozes gravitas. He is very efficient with his time and gives robust, considered, advice." (Legal 500 2023, Civil Fraud)

"An outstanding advocate with an outstanding brain: when he speaks the Supreme Court listens carefully." (Legal 500 2023, Commercial Litigation)

"His advocacy is a delight to listen to. He is fluent, persuasive, amusing and altogether very impressive indeed." (Legal 500 2023, International Arbitration: Counsel)

"Simon is a walking encyclopedia of valuation work. He is self contained, on top of his brief and one of the few barristers who is more of an expert than the expert. Calm under pressure and unfailingly courteous, he wins over the judge and allows witnesses to be drawn in only to fall into the trap. A class act." (Legal 500 2023, The English Bar Offshore)

"He is absolutely brilliant." "So engaged, he's really focused on finding solutions and is very imaginative in his approach. Simon is great at managing a big team in cases with lots of evidence." (Chambers & Partners 2022, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"He is a dream to work with and really focused on finding solutions. He's very imaginative and great at managing a big team on a huge fraud case." "He is incredibly bright and can explain very complex concepts in easy language. He's very good in hearings and at trial and is a very forensic cross-examiner." (Chambers & Partners 2022, Civil Fraud)

"Knows his cases back to front and is willing to engage with the client however difficult they may be." "He is very good when it comes to technical accounting matters." (Chambers & Partners 2022, Commercial Chancery)

"He is technically very able and good with numbers." "He is technically bright, but also commercial. His arguments are short, sweet and punchy. His advocacy is the same. He does not take pointless points." (Chambers & Partners 2022, Banking & Finance)

"Simon is superbly good. He has a delightful turn of phrase." "He is extremely smart and very client-friendly." (Chambers & Partners 2022, Insurance & Reinsurance)

"Exceptional with clients. He has a truly wonderful way of bringing things to life or making them simple or getting the client to understand why they are wrong – essentially whatever is needed to move the matter forward and ensure that the client has truly understood the advice that is being given." (Legal 500 2022, Civil Fraud)

"Simon Salzedo KC enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market, described by sources as "a hugely intelligent advocate who is excellent on complex, high value matters"." (Who's Who Legal 2022, Commercial Litigation)

"An excellent judge of when to go for the jugular on a particular point and really sees the big picture – put simply, if you are in for a tough battle involving fine points of law there is no other counsel I would rather have on my side." (Legal 500 2021, International Arbitration: Counsel)

"He's very clear-thinking and logical, extremely responsive, very much part of the team and very financially literate." "Absolutely brilliant, and a very charming person to work with." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2020, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"He is very authoritative and is always in control of what's going on." "A very sharp advocate." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2020, International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance)

'He is extremely perceptive of the strengths and weaknesses of any scenario and is also a genuinely gifted advocate before judges.' (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)

"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)

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

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

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

"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)

"Simon Salzedo KC 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)

"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)