

## Sue Prevezer KC

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## Practice Overview

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Sue Prevezer KC is a senior barrister with over 35 years' experience in commercial litigation at every level of the UK judicial system and in international arbitration.

Sue has sat as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Chancery Division and is regularly appointed as a Chair, panel member and sole arbitrator in arbitrations, conducted under the rules of international arbitral institutions and on an "ad hoc" basis. Her appointments include appointments under the rules of LCIA, ICC, LMAA, SIAC, SCC, UNCITRAL, and CIETAC. Sue is a member of the Panel of Arbitrators for SIAC, HKIAC and the BVI International Arbitration Centre.

Sue is admitted to the Bar in both the Cayman Islands and the BVI and regularly appears as Leading Counsel in both jurisdictions.

Sue is also a CEDR accredited mediator, and since joining Brick Court Chambers, has been regularly mediating large commercial disputes across various sectors, including commercial, banking and finance (including digital currency disputes), company law, insurance and re-insurance, IP, competition, employment, sports, and construction disputes.

Sue is a Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee of S4 Capital Plc (a digital technology company run by Sir Martin Sorrell) and is a Non Executive Director of Bloc Ventures Ltd (a deep technology company).

She is also a director on the Board of the Hampstead Theatre and the Chair of the Trustees of the Freud Museum.

Prior to joining Brick Court, Sue was the co-managing partner of the London Office of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP (from its opening in London in 2008 to 2020) and was dual qualified as a solicitor and barrister, assisting clients across numerous sectors, including banking,

insolvency, restructuring, insurance, financial services, general commercial law and IP. Sue continues to act as Leading Counsel on a number of Quinn Emanuel cases, including most recently in the Court of Appeal in *Palladian Partners LP v the Republic of Argentina*.

## Mediation

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Sue is a CEDR accredited and CMC registered Mediator and has significant experience of mediating complex commercial disputes, both domestic and international. Since joining Brick Court Chambers in 2020, Sue has mediated a wide range of multi party disputes, including (but not limited to) insurance, IP, digital currency, partnerships and joint venture, employment, competition, sport and commercial disputes. She is highly regarded in this area and is increasingly in demand as a sole and joint mediator.

Her mediations involve complex and high-profile matters including

- General commercial disputes
- Insurance and reinsurance disputes
- Family business disputes
- Employment disputes, including disputes concerning private equity arrangements, limited partnerships, and disputes within public listed companies, discrimination and restrictive covenant disputes
- Financial services and banks, including mis-selling disputes, bank- to-bank disputes, including derivatives and trading
- Internet, computer, digital currency and telecoms disputes
- Professional negligence claims against lawyers, accountants and brokers
- Pharmaceutical claims including products liability and IP and joint venture disputes
- Oil and gas including pricing, trading and delivery disputes as well as offshore and onshore engineering and technical disputes
- Competition disputes including cartel follow-on damages claims
- Construction and engineering including contractor disputes and professional liability disputes involving architects, engineers and surveyors

## Arbitration

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Sue is regularly appointed as a Chairman, panel member and sole arbitrator in arbitrations conducted under the rules of international arbitral institutions and on an "ad hoc" basis. Her appointments include appointments under the rules of the LCIA, ICC, LMAA, CIETAC, SIAC, SCC and UNCITRAL.

Her recent appointments have included disputes in areas such as energy, international sale of goods, limited liability partnerships, joint ventures, insurance/reinsurance, share sales and

warranties, corporate fraud, joint ventures, international infrastructure projects. Recent examples of arbitrator appointments include:

Presiding Arbitrator of a three-member LCIA Tribunal, concerning a contractual and intellectual property dispute.

Chair of 3 separate but related LCIA Arbitrations concerning various long term contracts between two major international parties.

Co-arbitrator in 3 separate ICC arbitrations each concerning complex commercial disputes.

Co-arbitrator on a number of LCIA Tribunals concerning contractual, insurance and other complex commercial matters.

Chair of a CIETAC arbitration Tribunal concerning breaches of a high value commercial contract.

Chair of SIAC arbitration Tribunal concerning contractual and partnership issues.

## **Commercial KC Practise**

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From her 12 years as co-managing partner at Quinn Emanuel (2008-2020) and prior to that, from her time at the Bar, Sue has gained considerable experience in advising on and conducting high value cross-border litigation, including international arbitrations with English and foreign law issues. In particular, she has extensive experience in litigation involving fraud, breach of warranty, regulatory issues, insolvency, banking, restructuring, defamation, joint ventures, white collar crime, complex trusts, and IP disputes for both corporations and individuals.

Recent cases include *Palladian Partners LP v the Republic of Argentina* (Court of Appeal (2024) and High Court (2022)); *In re Sigma Finance Corporation* (Supreme Court 2010); *Stanford Asset Holding v Afrasia Bank* (2024 Privy Council); *Michael Cherney v Oleg Deripaska* (2010-2013 High Court); *Phones 4U (in Administration) v Vodafone, EE Limited and others* (ongoing); *FDIC v Barclays Bank plc and others* (ongoing); *Qualcomm v Apple* (2018-2020); *Arcelormittal Group v Essar* (High Court and Cayman) (2018- 2021); *GLAS SAS (London branch) v European Topsoho Sarl and others* (ongoing).

Sue has repeatedly been listed as a "Leading Individual" by Legal 500 in Commercial and Banking, Litigation and International Arbitration. Chambers & Partners describes her as a "tough as nails but really good to work with and just fearsomely bright", "a great advocate and very personable" and that she has "a very nice, stylish manner about her". Chambers & Partners says that, with her experience as a barrister and solicitor, Sue brings the best of both worlds to bear for clients facing high-stakes commercial litigation.

## Reported cases

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Lead counsel before the Supreme Court in Re Sigma Finance Corporation, on the proper construction of a complex commercial document.

Lead counsel in litigation in the High Court and Court of Appeal concerning the restructuring of a Structured Investment Vehicle, Whistlejacket.

One of the leading counsel team for HSH Nordbank (in the High Court and Court of Appeal) against UBS in a high value case involving multiple agreements with conflicting jurisdiction provisions.

Counsel to Oleg Deripaska, a Russian entrepreneur and investor in High Court proceedings instituted by Michael Cherney between 2010-2013.

Leading Counsel for a Guernsey Fund in contested arbitration proceedings in a dispute indirectly related to the insolvency of Lehman Brothers.

Leading Counsel for the Bondholders in the Supreme Court in Concord Trust v Law Debenture Trust Corp Plc.

Advisor to a group of financial institutions against RBS in litigation (now resolved) before the High Court concerning RBS' Rights Issue.

Leading Counsel in an LCIA arbitration reinsurance dispute (now resolved) arising out of a dispute before the Cayman High Court.

Leading Counsel for Bondholders in High Court litigation against the Republic of Argentina and the Bank of New York Mellon (as Trustee), to be determined by the High Court in October 2022.

Advisor to Phones 4U (in Administration) in litigation against EE Limited and others, to be determined by the High Court in 2022-2023.

One of the Leading Counsel team for the FDIC against Barclays Bank and others in litigation concerning alleged LIBOR fixing, presently before the High Court.

Advisor to Qualcomm in relation to a large commercial dispute in the UK and US (now resolved) against Apple.

Advisor to the ESSAR Group in relation to proceedings brought against it in the High Court and the Cayman High Court by ArcelorMittal.

Leading Counsel for Defendants in litigation brought by PJSC National Bank Trust before the High Court, to be determined in 2022-23.

Leading Counsel for GLAS SAS (London branch) against European Topsoho Sarl and others in litigation concerning a Bond repayment dispute, presently before the High Court.

## Education & Qualifications

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Girton College, University of Cambridge: BA, MA (Law (Part 1), Social and Political Science (Part 2))

Admitted to the Bar in the British Virgin Islands

Admitted to the Bar in the Cayman Islands

Accredited CEDR Mediator

CMC Registered Mediator

Arbitrator and Mediator for the Court of Arbitration for Art Panel

Member of the London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation (LCAM) Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators

Member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the BVI International Arbitration Centre

Member of Wandsworth Mediation Service Panel of Mediators

Member of the ICC

Member of the LCIA

Member of the Civil Mediation Council

Member of HKIAC Panel of Arbitrators

Member of SIAC Panel of Arbitrators