

Sue Prevezer KC

YEAR OF CALL: 1983 YEAR OF SILK: 2000

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Practice Overview

Sue Prevezer KC is a senior barrister with over 30 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 of the High Court and conducts arbitrations, as sole, co-arbitrator and chair under all the major arbitral institutions.

She is admitted to the Bar in both the Cayman and the BVI.

Sue is also a CEDR accredited mediator, and since joining Brick Court Chambers, has been 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 and construction disputes.

Sue is a Non-Executive Director of S4 Capital Plc (a digital technology company run by Sir Martin Sorrell) and 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 and, dual qualified as solicitor and barrister, assisted clients across numerous sectors, including banking, insolvency, restructuring, insurance, financial services, general commercial law and IP.

Arbitration

Sue has acted both as advocate and arbitrator in numerous international arbitration proceedings. She accepts arbitration appointments as Chair, Sole and Co-Arbitrator under most major arbitral

institutions and is on the register of arbitrators with the LCIA and the ICC, and is a member of the Panel of Arbitrators for SIAC, HKIAC and the BVI International Arbitration Centre. She has recently taken appointments with both CIETAC and SIAC.

Recent examples of arbitrator appointments:

- 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.

Mediation

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 disputes, including (but not limited to) insurance, IP, digital currency, partnerships and joint venture, employment, competition and commercial disputes.

She is highly regarded in this area and is increasingly in demand as a mediator.

Commercial

From her 12 years as co-managing partner at Quinn Emanuel and prior to that, from her time at the Bar, Sue has gained considerable experience in 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.

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.

Chambers & Partners ranked Sue in Band 1 for both Litigation and Dispute Resolution and Litigation, UK, and Band 2 in both their UK, Europe-wide and Global rankings for Commercial and Banking Litigation. She has also been ranked in Band 3 for Litigation and has been recognised by this publication as both a “Leader in their Field”, as well as both a Leading and a Recommended Lawyer (Commercial and Banking Litigation, 2015). Sue was selected by her peers for the inclusion in The Best Lawyers in UK 2018 and 2019 in the fields of Banking and Finance law.

Reported cases

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

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's Panel of Arbitrators