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Very user-friendly, very approachable and very good commercially.

- Chambers & Partners

Saaman is regularly instructed in commercial, chancery and regulatory disputes with work often involving the intersection of these fields and multiple jurisdictions.

His diverse practice includes particular expertise in banking/financial services, civil fraud, pensions, and professional negligence matters.

He has been recognised in the legal directories for commercial disputes and pensions as:

"Very user-friendly, very approachable and very good commercially."

"He's great to deal with, very hard-working and clever. His attention to detail is fantastic."

"A rising star"

"He has an impressive commercial practice and does very good-quality drafting."

"He is really impressive - he is extraordinarily clever and knows how to apply that practically." "A very bright junior."

"Very clever (but wears it lightly) but also practical and sensible – a pleasure to work with. Written advocacy is direct and focused and has a good courtroom manner. Inspires the confidence of clients."

"He's a rising star. He demonstrates impressive judgement for his level of call."

"He's very calm and very measured."

Saaman's work is often characterised by its size, novelty or complexity. Recent highlights include one of The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases, a \$1 billion multi-jurisdictional civil fraud and a c£60m professional negligence action.

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Areas of Expertise

Banking and Financial Services

Saaman has wide expertise across traditional banking litigation and technical financial services regulation and enforcement matters. Saaman is experienced in dealing with a wide variety of lending, security, ISDA and associated documentation.

Examples of his **Banking** work include:

- Appearing for a European investment fund in a \$20m Commercial Court corporate bond dispute against a listed issuer in India.
- A €20 million structured debt dispute concerning the enforcement of a mezzanine finance facility.
- Acting for an offshore investment fund in a \$35m Commercial Court lending dispute against a corporate borrower based in Africa.
- Acting for a property developer in its Financial List claim against a bank for swaps mis-selling, LIBOR conspiracy and deceit.
- Acting for the defendant bank in a claim concerning breach of mandate and unauthorised payments.
- Advising the beneficiaries of a security trust as to the validity of £40m+ security.
- Defending a financial adviser from allegations of involvement in a £5m investment fraud.

Saaman has deep and longstanding expertise in financial services regulatory matters. Saaman developed that expertise through a secondment to the Bank of England Legal Directorate. He is experienced in appearing before the regulatory tribunals, including a number of appearances before the Upper Tribunal. Examples of his work include:

- Acting for a senior trader in the Forex rigging investigations brought by various regulators.
- Defending a senior director of an insurance firm from FCA enforcement action.
- Defending an IFA facing an FCA prohibition order.
- Defending a private equity house facing substantial regulatory action.
- Acting for the Defendant to a claim brought by the FCA for a s382 FSMA restitution order.
- Advising an airline in relation to the payment services regulations.
- Appearing for and against IFAs in cases concerning breaches of COBS rules.

Qualifications & Memberships

Saaman studied law at the University of Oxford where he was awarded the Peter Carter prize for the best examination results at his college.

Saaman is a member of:

- Association of Pension Lawyers
- Chancery Bar Association
- Financial Services Lawyers Association
- The Commercial Bar Association