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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

PENSIONS

Saaman has deep expertise in pensions litigation and contentious pensions regulatory matters.

He is ranked in the directories for pensions:

“Academically very strong but with a practical approach and never loses sight of the client’s overall objectives. He is a clear and persuasive advocate, both in writing and on his feet.” (Legal 500 2022)

“He’s got a real ability to get across detail quickly and propose well thought through strategies and arguments.” (Chambers & Partners 2022)

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“He is really impressive – he is extraordinarily clever and knows how to apply that practically.” (Chambers & Partners 2021)

“A very bright junior.” (Chambers & Partners 2021)

“He’s a rising star. He demonstrates impressive judgement for his level of call, as well as an ability to assimilate huge amounts of disclosure with no fuss.” (Chambers & Partners 2020)

“He’s very calm and very measured.” (Chambers & Partners 2020)

Regulatory

- Acting for the corporate trustee of a scheme in seeking a £22m contribution notice from the former directors of the company, under the NI equivalent of s38 Pensions Act 2004. The first case brought by the Pension Regulator concerning ‘contribution notices’. Settled at trial.
- Appearing in the Upper Tribunal in a case concerning whether a Scheme was constituted as a trust ([2017] UKUT 385 (TCC)).
- Appearing for the trustees in a case before the determinations panel of the pensions regulator in a case concerning the exercise of the regulator’s power to remove the trustees of a scheme. The determinations panel declined to exercise the power.
- Defending the target in a £50m contribution notice case (led by Andrew Spink QC).

High Court

- Appearing for a defendant to a complex £60m multiparty professional negligence claim arising from the judgement of Newey J in Re Gleeds (led by Ben Hubble QC).
- Appearing for the employers in a RPI/CPI rectification (led by Keith Bryant QC).
- Appearing for the claimants in a group action against their employer concerning breaches of the implied term of trust and confidence.
- Appearing for the employer in a claim seeking to rescind the hardwiring of RPI. Approved compromise achieved on expedited basis together with enhanced privacy protections (led by Nicolas Stallworthy QC).
- Acting in claim concerning the terms of an executive retirement benefits scheme.
- A Re Hastings-Bass application in Guernsey concerning a QROPS.

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



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college.

Saaman is a member of:

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