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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

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### CIVIL FRAUD

Saaman has extensive expertise of commercial fraud claims in a variety of sectors. He is experienced in the variety of ways such claims can be brought and the procedural tools by which they can be advanced. Saaman has particular expertise in how such claims can be impacted by regulatory and criminal intervention.

Examples of his work include:

- A \$1 billion fraud claim brought by the administrators of a former FTSE 350 company against two of its former directors and its commercial partner.
- A number of £50m + claims against banks relating to their fraudulent rigging of LIBOR rates.
- Acting for ENRC in a number of matters relating to the SFO investigation of it and the various civil claims arising from the same.
- Acting for the defendant directors of a Middle Eastern tech company in a claim concerning misappropriation of assets from the company.
- Defending a claim of fraudulent misrepresentations relating to a property transaction.
- Acting for a foreign bank seeking freezing injunctions against a foreign billionaire.
- Defending an investment fund against claims alleging misappropriation of investors assets.
- Acting for an energy company to recover funds misappropriated by a commercial partner.

### Qualifications & Memberships

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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