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Usman has a broad commercial and modern chancery practice with a particular focus on company and insolvency law, banking and financial services, civil fraud and asset tracing.

His current and recent instructions include:

- Acting as junior counsel in a civil fraud claim worth US\$60m+ (led by Tim Akkouh of Essex Court Chambers);
- Assisting in the investigation of a substantial multi-jurisdictional fraud claim (instructed by Signature Litigation);
- Appearing in the Court of Appeal in *Sara & Hossein Asset Holdings Ltd v Blacks Outdoor Retail Ltd* (led by Morayo Fagborun Bennett; instructed by Gateley Plc);
- Defending an unfair prejudice petition in the High Court (sole counsel);
- Advising a foreign bank on the scope of its Quincecare duties under English law (junior counsel in a multi-counsel team);
- Appearing (successfully) in three contested interlocutory applications in the Chancery Division in a £13m fraud claim (sole counsel at the interlocutory stage); and
- Advising on various office-holder claims arising out of a BVI insolvency (junior counsel).

Usman has appeared in the High Court and before arbitral tribunals on multiple occasions in his own right and has been led in the Court of Appeal.

Prior to pupillage, Usman taught property and trusts law as a Visiting Lecturer and Examiner at King's College London and spent a year working in the Professional Indemnity Department at Linklaters.

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Areas of Expertise



Insolvency & Restructuring

Directors' Disqualification

Usman has considerable experience of assisting with directors' disqualification proceedings.

His recent experience includes assisting with an application seeking permission to act as a director notwithstanding disqualification. He has also advised on applications to vary restrictions.

Corporate Insolvency

Usman regularly appears in the Chancery Division (Insolvency and Companies List) in relation to corporate insolvency matters.

He has considerable experience of challenging antecedent transactions and regularly acts for both office-holders and respondents to such applications. He also has experience of a variety of other Companies Act and Insolvency Act applications including, by way of example, those relating to administration orders and officer-holder remuneration.

Usman also has experience of assisting with more complex corporate restructuring matters, including:

- Advice given to a major retail bank undergoing 'ring-fencing' restructuring on the enforceability of contractual indemnities; and
- Advice concerning the proper time to value contingent liabilities for the purposes of various insolvency proceedings

Personal Insolvency

Usman is experienced in bankruptcy proceedings and receives regular instructions in this area.

Examples of Usman's insolvency experience can be seen under the 'Corporate Insolvency' tab.

Qualifications & Memberships

QUALIFICATIONS

- BA Law, First Class (Trinity College, Cambridge); 2013
- BCL (Brasenose College, Oxford); 2015
- BPTC, Outstanding (City Law School, London); 2016

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Lord Denning Scholarship, Eastham Scholarship and Hardwicke Award, Lincoln's Inn; 2013-2017
- The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators Prize (top BPTC performance in Civil Litigation and Commercial Law); 2016
- Buchanan Prize, Lincoln's Inn; 2016
- City University Academic Scholarship; 2015
- Trinity College Tripos Prize (achieving the highest college first in law), Trinity College, Cambridge; 2013
- Senior Scholarship, Trinity College, Cambridge; 2013
- Lizette Bentwich Prizes, Trinity College, Cambridge; 2012-2013

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Usman is an active member of Advocate (formerly the Bar Pro Bono Unit).

He also participates in two mentoring initiatives aimed at assisting disadvantaged applicants hoping to study at the University of Cambridge.