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Practice

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- International Arbitration
- Professional Negligence
- Shipping
- Commercial Fraud
- Energy
- Banking and Finance

John Lockey acts as adviser and lead advocate in commercial disputes before the English courts at all levels (including the Commercial Court, the Court of Appeal, and the House of Lords) and in arbitrations taking place in London, elsewhere in Europe, or worldwide. His clients include leading financial institutions, accountancy firms, energy companies, insurance and reinsurance companies, and shipping interests. His experience includes leading multidisciplinary and multinational teams in the most complex of commercial disputes. He also accepts appointment as arbitrator.

Career

2006 Appointed QC
1988 Commencement of practice at Essex Court Chambers
1987 Called to the Bar, Middle Temple

Education

1987 Inns of Court School of Law (Scarman Scholar, Queen Mother's Fund Scholar)

1986 LLM, Harvard Law School (Frank Knox Memorial Fellow)

1985 BA (Law), Downing College, Cambridge (Starred First Class Honours; first in class; Slaughter & May Prize; Clifford Chance David Gottlieb Prize; Sweet & Maxwell Prize)

Member

British Insurance Law Association (Chairman, 2004—06)
Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association
ARIAS (UK)
ARIAS (US)

Specific Areas

Commercial Litigation

He is an experienced lead trial advocate in all forms of complex commercial disputes before English courts and in arbitration in London, Europe and worldwide. In addition to trial advocacy, advice

and strategy, his expertise extends to jurisdictional challenges, choice of law issues and anti suit injunctions.

Recent cases have included a mobile phone infrastructure dispute before the Commercial Court, a joint venture dispute between Middle Eastern and Far Eastern interests before a Stockholm Chamber of Commerce arbitration tribunal, the pursuit of tax shelter claims in a Bermuda arbitration, a hedge fund claim for losses of more than US\$100m, and a £100m + claim following destruction by fire of one of the largest warehouses in Europe.

“Pleasant and acutely intelligent ... very much a people person. The toast of clients and solicitors alike” (Chambers & Partners 2008)

“An old head on young shoulders, extremely clever.” (Chambers & Partners 2008).

Insurance & Reinsurance

A recognised expert on insurance and reinsurance law, he is regularly instructed in the leading domestic and international insurance and reinsurance market disputes. He served as Chairman of the British Insurance Law Association from 2004-2006 (Vice-Chairman 2002-2004).

Recent reported cases of interest before the English courts include Wasa v Lexington, Limit v Axa, Noble v Gerling, and Equitas v Allstate.

Lead advocate in numerous confidential arbitrations in London, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands. Disputes have included tax shelter claims, hedge fund losses, satellite losses, Enron claims, 9/11 claims, PA spiral business, Workers' Compensation, aviation bodily injury carve out, aggregation, Aggregate Extension Clause, marine cargo claims, fidelity insurance, accountants' and solicitors' professional indemnity insurance, Hurricane claims, D&O insurance, the reinsurance of captives, recoverability of commutation payments, portfolio transfers and APH claims.

Considerable experience of Bermuda Form arbitrations (pharmaceuticals, motor and other products).

“An unbelievably bright mind ... an extremely pleasant character ... and widely billed as an excellent team player” (Chambers & Partners 2008)

“A very effective and understated advocate” (Legal 500 2008)

“Remarkably clever” (Chambers & Partners 2007)

International Arbitration

Extensive experience of international arbitration, including disputes before ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, ARIAS(UK), ARIAS(US), AAA and Stockholm Chamber of Commerce tribunals and ad hoc tribunals in London, elsewhere in Europe, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands.

He accepts appointment as arbitrator (party-appointed, sole or chairman).

Professional Negligence

He acts for, and against, professional service firms, including fund managers, Big 4 and second tier accountancy firms, tax advisers, City solicitors, and insurance brokers.

Shipping

Considerable experience of shipbuilding and charterparty disputes in Court and in arbitration.

Commercial Fraud

Recent cases include fraud and bribery claims against shipowners and ship managers, fraud claims against a state owned energy company, and exaggerated insurance claims.

Energy

Oil, gas and electricity disputes. Clients have included traditional and new technology energy producers and traders.

Banking and Finance

Regularly acts for, or against, banks, fund managers, and financial advisers. Recent disputes range from the recovery of unauthorised trading losses to liability for allegedly funding terrorist activities.

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