

Lawrence Jacobson

General Information

Lawrence has had over 35 years of experience at the Bar and recently, working as an in-house barrister. Lawrence specialises in contract claims, and is experienced in company law, guarantees, civil fraud, commercial arbitration and ADR, mediation advocacy and professional negligence.

Lawrence likes to become involved at a very early stage assisting clients to develop a strategy either by written or oral advice followed by drafting statements of case and advocacy throughout proceedings.

Lawrence is happy to discuss any matter pre-instruction.

Areas of Law

- Company Law
- Contract and Commercial Arbitration
- Professional Negligence

Company Law

Shareholder disputes, directors' duties, unfair prejudice petitions under s994 of the Companies Act 2006 and partnership disputes.

Commercial

Lawrence specialises in contract, guarantees and indemnities and has experience in County, High Court and Court of Appeal Jurisdictions. He also represents clients in arbitrations under various institutional rules including GAFTA, LCIA and SIAC, as well as ad-hoc proceedings. Lawrence has acted for clients in:

- High value GAFTA arbitration claims in the sum of USD10m and
- A SIAC arbitration valued at approximately USD1.4bn
- Appeals under s69 and challenges under s68 of the Arbitration Act 1996 ("AA") involving the extent of s57 of the AA.

Professional Negligence

Lawrence is primarily experienced in Solicitors' and Barristers' negligence.

Memberships

- The Midland Circuit
- The Commercial Bar Association
- The Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Pegasus - The Bar Saddle Club

Awards

Shortlisted for the Lawyer Monthly Legal Awards 2015 in the category: Commercial Disputes Barrister of the Year - UK

Winner of the Finance Monthly Law Awards 2017 in the category: Commercial Disputes Barrister of the Year – UK

Winner of the Finance Monthly Global Awards 2017 in the category: Commercial Disputes Barrister of the Year – UK

Personal Interests

Lawrence is married. He previously chaired the standing Disciplinary Committee of the Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners UK and as a member of Pegasus used to exercise the horses of the King's Troop. When not working he likes to follow current affairs and spend time with his family.

Testimonials

Referees' comments, in support of a leading firm in Commercial litigation, in which Lawrence was working as an In-House Barrister, was that they were very impressed by Lawrence Jacobson's knowledge of the substantive law and procedure.

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"I first instructed Lawrence some 25 plus years ago and, ever since, he has been my go-to counsel for clients with the most complex commercial disputes. He is a rare breed of barrister who is as strong on paper and in conference as he is persuasive in the courtroom and during alternative dispute resolution processes. He is eagle-eyed, tactical, responsive, and approachable with an extraordinary grasp of detail. Above all, Lawrence is a thoroughly decent person."

Daniel M Russell

MD, Carlsons Solicitors Ltd

Reported Cases

Porter Capital Corporation v Masters [2013] EWHC 3929 (Ch)

Porter Capital Corporation v Masters [2014] 3 Costs LR 528

Khurli v Poulter and Another [2003] ChD LTL 14.4.03

Kelly v Denman and Another [1996] ChD LTL 17.5.96 (led by Michael Beckman Q.C.) was also cited in Lindley & Banks on Partnership 18th ed 2002 and is referred to in Mullins v Laughton and Others [2003] 2 WLR 1006:

Publications

'Separate ways' – (an alternative view to Lord Millett's analysis in Hurst v Bryk) published in The Solicitors Journal, 18.10.11, pp14 and 15. This article was considered by a Judge in the Chancery Division in the case of **Goldstein v Bishop [2013]**

An Analysis on whether the Contractual Doctrine causes dissolution of a Partnership at Will, written together with Saurabh Bhagotra and published in The Lex Witness magazine (India), vol.6, Issue 7, February 2015, p33;

Commercial Disputes, published in The Lawyer monthly, Issue 59-15, 28.4.15 and Issue 69-16, 26.1.16

Permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal under the Arbitration Act 1996 published in the Solicitors Journal 15.3.16, pp32 and 33 and

"Finality is a good thing, justice is better." – A critique of the judgment in Samara v MBI & Partners UK Ltd [2016] EWHC 441 (QB) published in India Link International, December 2016-January 2017, vol.23, No.6, pp50 and 51.

'Is Cryptocurrency Property?' Published in All About Shipping on 4 May 2020 and Information Security Buzz on 6 May 2020

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