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Overview

Alistair is a commercial litigator with a broad practice spanning general commercial litigation, arbitration, shipping and international trade, civil fraud, insurance, banking and insolvency.

He also has experience of a wide array of issues that can arise at an interlocutory stage, including anti-suit injunctions and challenges to jurisdiction.

Alistair has acted in proceedings in the Court of Appeal, High Court and County Court and in LMAA, SIAC and LCIA arbitrations.

He has also spent time on secondment at two leading shipping firms.

Publications

- 'Open all hours? Identifying the appropriate market for the service of notices' (2017) 32(2) Journal of International Banking and Finance Law 85 (co-author).
- 'Sovereign Debt Enforcement in English Courts: Ukraine and Russia meet in the Court of Appeal in US \$3 Billion Eurobonds Dispute' (2018) 33(2) Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation (co-author).
- Response to UK government's 'Public consultation on the United Kingdom's future legal framework for imposing and implementing sanctions' (co-author).

Education

- University of Cambridge, Gonville and Caius College: BA in Law, First Class (2013)
- University of Cambridge, Gonville and Caius College: LLM in Commercial Law, First Class (2014)
- University of Law: Bar Professional Training Course, Outstanding, top in year (2015)

Commercial litigation and arbitration

- *Sebastian Holdings Inc v Vik* (Court of Appeal of the Turks & Caicos Islands) – successfully resisted the offshore recognition of an English receivership order in the Turks & Caicos Islands (led by Duncan Matthews QC and Tony Beswetherick).
- *Deutsche Bank AG v Vik* [2019] 1 WLR 1737 (CA), [2016] EWHC 322 (Comm) and [2017] 1 WLR 3056 (HC) – challenge to Court’s jurisdiction over committal proceedings (led by Duncan Matthews QC and Charlotte Tan).
- *Deutsche Bank AG v Sebastian Holdings Inc. and another* [2017] EWHC 913 (Comm) – application for a stay of detailed assessment proceedings pending a challenge to a non-party costs order in the European Court of Human Rights (with Duncan Matthews QC and Charlotte Tan).
- *Daniels v Lloyds Banking Group plc* [2018] EWHC 660 (Comm) – successful claim for shares due to former group chief executive, Eric Daniels, under Long Term Incentive Plan (led by Paul Lowenstein QC).
- *Re WR Refrigeration Ltd (in liquidation)* – claim by liquidators against former directors (led by Stephen Atherton QC).
- *An English Company v a Delaware Company* – LCIA arbitration in the automotive sector (led by Christopher Newman).

Shipping and commodities

- Sole counsel in numerous LMAA arbitral proceedings, including cargo claims, demurrage and off-hire.
- Sole counsel in US\$60 million shipbuilding claim by financing bank against shipyard.
- Successfully defended charterers from US\$2 million claim for damage to vessel in LMAA arbitration (with Michael Ashcroft QC).
- Successful claim in SIAC arbitration relating to refund guarantee in US\$2 million shipbuilding dispute (with David Lewis QC).
- *Great Prosperity Shipping Inc. v Xiamen C&D Commodity Trading Co. Ltd.* – successful application for an anti-suit injunction in a cargo claim context (with Julian Kenny QC).
- Successfully represented Owners in eight-figure LMAA arbitration concerning a charterparty dispute (with Julian Kenny QC and Michael Collett QC).
- Appeal to GAFTA Board of Appeal worth US\$4 million (with Michael Collett QC).

Civil fraud

- *Sebastian Holdings Inc v Vik* (Court of Appeal of the Turks & Caicos Islands) – successfully resisted the offshore recognition of an English receivership order in the Turks & Caicos Islands (led by Duncan Matthews QC and Tony Beswetherick).
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Insolvency and restructuring

- *Re WR Refrigeration Ltd (in liquidation)* – claim by liquidators against former directors (led by Stephen Atherton QC).
- *Sebastian Holdings Inc v Vik (Court of Appeal of the Turks & Caicos Islands)* – successfully resisted the offshore recognition of an English receivership order in the Turks & Caicos Islands (led by Duncan Matthews QC and Tony Beswetherick).
- *Funding Circle Ltd v Emma Baker (a bankrupt)* – claim for charging order in post-bankruptcy context.

