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Overview

Julian specialises in commercial law, particularly banking, shipping and commodities, insurance and reinsurance, conflicts and jurisdiction, and arbitration. He is a leading specialist in chartering and international sale of goods disputes.

In addition, Julian has extensive banking experience, particularly with disputes involving swaps and derivatives based on the ISDA Master Agreement.

Publications

- *Time Charters* (7th edn, Informa Law 2014) (co-author).

Education

- Inns of Court School of Law: Bar Vocational Course, Outstanding
- City University: Diploma in Law, Distinction
- University of Oxford, Magdalen College: MA in English Literature, First Class

Example cases

- *P v Q* [2018] 2 Lloyd's Rep 452: Commercial Court decision on s 12 Arbitration Act and the circumstances in which the court will extend time for commencement of arbitration.
- *The Yangtze Xing Hua* [2018] 1 Lloyd's Rep 330: Court of Appeal decision on "no fault" losses under the Interclub Agreement 1996.
- *Accident Exchange v Maclean* [2018] 4 WLR 26: Commercial Court decision on legal privilege and the iniquity exception.

- *IMS v Capital Oil* [2016] 2 CLC 327: Commercial Court decision on the procedure for making a challenge to the jurisdiction of the English Courts.
- *The Res Cogitans* [2016] AC 1034: Supreme Court decision on the question of whether a bunker sale agreement was a contract of sale within the Sale of Goods Act 1979.

Banking

- *Lehman Brothers International v Lehman Brothers Finance* (2012) (Briggs J) – whether the close-out provisions of the ISDA Master Agreement allowed the claimant to bring into account the loss of a side agreement with the defendant following the insolvency of the Lehman group.
- *Haugesund v Depfa* [2012] 2 WLR 199 (CA) – whether a commercial bank was entitled to restitution of money paid to a Norwegian local authority under a void swap agreement in circumstances where the money had subsequently been lost in failed investments.
- *Region of Lombardy v Merrill Lynch and UBS* – whether the banks mis-sold derivative products to the Region.

Shipping and commodities

- *Transgrain v Yangtze Navigation* [2017] 2 Lloyd's Rep 212 – decision of Teare J on the allocation of 'no fault' losses under the Interclub Agreement 1996.
- *The Res Cogitans* [2016] AC 1034 – Supreme Court decision on the question whether a bunker sale agreement was a contract of sale within the Sale of Goods Act 1979.
- *IMS v Capital Oil* [2016] 2 CLC 307 – decision of Popplewell J on whether an applicant could make a second challenge to jurisdiction.
- *The Rewa* [2012] Lloyd's Rep. Plus 28 – dealing with the construction of the Saleform 93 and whether a ship being sold had to be delivered with documents making her eligible for trading.
- *The Triton Lark* [2012] Lloyd's Rep. Plus 18 – dealing with the construction of the Conwartime 1993 clause and the question whether a time-chartered owner could refuse an order to sail through the Gulf of Aden because of the risk from pirates.
- *The Mary Nour* [2008] 2 Lloyd's Rep. 636 – dealing with the circumstances in which a commodity contract is frustrated when a seller's source of supply fails.
- *Antiparos* [2008] 2 Lloyd's Rep. 237 – whether charterers were obliged to indemnify owners against losses caused by amendments to the charterers' voyage orders under the Asbatankvoy form.

Insurance

- *La Reunion Aeriennne v ANDI* – dealing with aggregation of losses arising from 9/11 attacks, following settlement of property claims.
- *No.1 Dae Bu* [2006] Lloyd's Rep. IR 860 – whether the Court should grant negative declaratory relief; whether the assured was in breach of class warranties.

Conflicts / jurisdiction

- *Electrim v Vivendi* [2009] 1 Lloyd's Rep. 59 (CA) – whether the Court properly exercised its equitable jurisdiction to restrain vexatious proceedings in the US.
- *The Katarina* [2010] 1 Lloyd's Rep 449 – dealing with the circumstances in which the Court should extend the validity of a claim form served overseas.

Arbitration

- *The Dimitris L* [2012] Lloyd's Rep Plus 25 – dealing with the conditions under which the High Court can direct arbitrators to clarify their Award.
- *Syska v Vivendi* [2008] 2 Lloyd's Rep. 636 (CA) – whether an arbitral tribunal could be deprived of jurisdiction by a foreign statute which nullified the arbitration agreement.

Recommendations

Julian is an utterly brilliant lawyer who distils everything into very concise written work. [Chambers UK Bar 2025](#)

Julian is extremely bright, easy to work with and fabulous on his feet. [Chambers UK Bar 2025](#)

He provides sophisticated and creative legal arguments [Chambers UK Bar 2025](#)

His advice is always excellent. His written work is concise, and he has a natural and easy style of advocacy. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2025](#)

Very bright and user friendly. Works well in a team and has a very confident and clear advocacy style that is quietly authoritative. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2025](#)

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He has a very imaginative mind for dealing with difficult arguments. [Chambers UK Bar 2024](#)

He is strong all round – on paper and as an advocate. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2023](#)

A first choice silk for shipping and commodities disputes. Excellent at advising on complex issues of law in a way that is readily understandable by clients. Very good on his feet. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2023](#)

Julian knows the area inside and out. He has a very sharp eye for detail. He is very clever and great to work with. [Chambers UK Bar 2023](#)

A top-drawer silk who is very clever with a great sense of humour – a lethal combination. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2022](#)

Clever, charming and engaging, with a superb turn of phrase; on his feet capable of holding the attention of his listeners, and creates written submissions with elegant prose which readers enjoy rather than endure. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2022](#)

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He is very clever and great to work with. [Chambers UK Bar 2022](#)

Julian is very hands on, user friendly and the client absolutely loves him. He is creative in coming up with good solutions, very strategic and commercial. [Chambers UK Bar 2021](#)

Possessed of a keen intellect and wonderfully calm under pressure, he deflates the opposition with his polite, measured responses. [Chambers UK Bar 2020](#)

He's able to deliver his advice in a very understandable manner and is very reassuring with clients. [Chambers UK Bar 2020](#)

He is super clever and really articulate. [Chambers UK Bar 2020](#)

Very clever, very intellectual. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2020](#)

Julian really knows his stuff and is able to pull the most obscure yet exactly relevant case from memory in the blink of an eye. [Chambers UK Bar 2020](#)

An excellent choice, a real up-and-coming barrister who stands out among silks. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2018](#)

He's the sort of advocate that if one were preparing for a hearing against him, one would be forced to prepare very thoroughly. [Chambers UK Bar 2019](#)

Tribunals and judges really appreciate his intellect. He commands respect and controls the room well. He projects his confidence and intelligence. [Chambers UK Bar 2019](#)

One of the brightest people I know [Chambers UK Bar 2018](#)

He is user-friendly and produces work of considerable intellectual firepower in an understated but persuasive manner. [Chambers UK Bar 2018](#)