

Mark Baldock

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Languages: German; Italian (conversational)



Overview

Mark has a busy, commercial chancery practice which has a particular focus on civil fraud / asset recovery and disputes with a company and/or insolvency law aspect. He is recognised as a “Rising Star” in The Legal 500 for commercial litigation.

Mark is frequently instructed in complex, high-value litigation and arbitration. To give just two recent examples, Mark is currently instructed by five of eight defendants in a claim brought against them for \$1 billion in respect of an alleged scheme to divert the proceeds of the sale of gold bullion (*Harrington & Charles Trading Company Limited (in liquidation) & Ors v Mehta & Ors*); he also acts for the claimants in connection in claims arising out of the purchase of shares in a medical technology company, which it is alleged were procured by deceit (*Segulah Medical Acceleration AB & Ors v Tripathi & Anor*).

Mark has been instructed on a number of applications for urgent, ex parte relief (in particular freezing and proprietary injunctions). Most recently, he assisted Tony Beswetherick KC in obtaining a freezing and proprietary injunction before HHJ Jarman KC and Duncan Matthews KC in obtaining a freezing injunction before Mr Nicholas Thompsell, both of which are continuing to trial.

Mark also has experience in offshore work, having recently been instructed to work with local counsel on a number of matters before the Financial Services Division of the Grand Court (Cayman Islands).

Prior to being called to the Bar, Mark read Classics at Christ’s College, Cambridge (Double First). Thereafter, Mark took the Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction) and LLMs in Bar Professional

Publications

- “Recourse against international commercial arbitration awards out of time on grounds of procedural fraud” *International Arbitration Law Review* (2020) 23(4) 279
- “Is the Association of Litigation Funders regulating the third party funding of arbitration?” *Civil Justice Quarterly* (2019) 38(3) 400
- “Changing obligations for corporations under investigation by the Serious Fraud Office – *R (KBR Inc) v. Director of the Serious Fraud Office* [2018] EWHC 2368 (Admin) *Journal of Criminal Law* (2019) 83(1) 24
- “A Green Light for Third Party Funding in the Cayman Islands – *A Company v. A Funder* [2017] CIGC J1123-1”, *Civil Justice Quarterly* (2019) 38(2) 180
- “Are you being served? The Supreme Court and CPR r. 6.15 in *Barton v. Wright Hassall LLP* [2018] UKSC 12” *International Journal of Procedural Law* (2018) 1 155
- “*Whitlock v. Moree* [2017] UKPC 44” *Trusts and Trustees* (2018) 24(5) 456
- “Persona (non) grata? *Persona Digital &*

Training (City, University of London) and International Dispute Resolution (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin). After his pupillage, Mark undertook a short stint as a judicial assistant in the Chancery Division of the High Court to Marcus Smith J and Snowden and Birss LJ.

Awards/Prizes/Scholarships

- Best Student Award (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
- BPTC Scholarship (Gray's Inn)
- BPTC Scholarship (City Law School)
- CPE Award (Gray's Inn)
- GDL Scholarship (City Law School)
- Cesaresco Exhibition (Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge)
- John Stewart of Rannoch Scholarship (Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge)
- Sir Henry Arthur Thomas Travel Exhibition (Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge)
- Graduate Scholarship (Christ's College)
- Scholarship (Christ's College)
- Thomson Prize for Classics (Christ's College)
- S.G. Campbell Prize for Classics (Christ's College)
- Calverley Prize for Greek Translation (Christ's College)
- Bishop Porteus Prize (Christ's College)

Example cases

- *Harrington & Charles Trading Co Limited (in liquidation) v Mehta*: Acting, led by Jonathan Dawid (Brick Court) and Stephen Ryan (4 New Square), for the Metha family in a claim brought against them for \$1 billion in respect of an alleged scheme perpetrated by them to divert the proceeds of the sale of gold bullion for their own benefit ([2024] EWHC 2674 (Ch) and ongoing).
- *Gallahue & Ors v Tripathi & Anor*: Acting, as part of a team with Duncan Matthews KC, Tony Beswetherick KC, and Matthew Chan, on behalf of the claimants regarding claims arising out the purchase of shares in a medical technology company ([2024] EWHC 1740 and ongoing).
- *Re Signifier Medical Technologies Limited*: led by Tony Beswetherick KC, for the petitioners in a dispute concerning a medical technologies company in which the Respondents are alleged, inter alia, to have removed the existing board to prevent investigation into the CEO's alleged wrongdoing.
- *Smith & Anor v Firexo Group Limited & Anor*: Acting, led by Tony Beswetherick KC, for Firexo Group Limited in a \$66m claim brought by shareholders against it arising out of the failure to pursue an IPO of its shares on NASDAQ.
- *Shovlin v Careless*: Acted for the Claimant in relation to a claim to enforce a judgment of the courts of California in England and Wales at common law ([2024] EWHC 324 (KB)).
- *Re Corbally Holdings*: Acted for the petitioner in a dispute concerning the shares in a property development company in the context of a bitter family, in which the petitioner made accusations of diversion of corporate opportunity.
- *Fortunate Drift Limited v Canterbury Securities, Ltd*: instructed to assist Stephen Atherton KC in a two-week trial before the Financial Services Division of the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands in a dispute seeking \$55m in damages for a broker's unlawful sale of shares (Grand Court, Cayman Islands, unreported, 17 August 2023; and *Re Canterbury Securities, Ltd* (Cause No. FSD 364 of 2023 (IKJ)), Grand Court, Cayman Islands, unreported, 18 December 2023 (appointment of joint provisional liquidators).
- *Centre Films Limited v Euro London Films Limited & Ors*: Acting for the Claimants in ongoing contractual claims relation to the promotion of a number of films produced predominantly in the 1970s and 1980s ([2023] EWHC 2460 (Ch), unrep., 5 October 2023, and ongoing).

Anor v. Minister for Public Enterprise and Ors [2017] IESC 27", *Civil Justice Quarterly* (2018) 37(2) 186

- "Readings in Antiphon's Truth" *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* (2018) 205 38

Professional memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- British-German Jurists' Association
- DIS40
- London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association

Education

- BA, Classics, Christ's College, Cambridge (Double First)
- GDL, City, University of London (Distinction)
- BPTC LLM in Legal Practice, City, University of London (Commendation)
- LLM, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

- *Re Contingent & Future Technologies Limited*: instructed on an application to strike out an unfair prejudice petition on the basis of lack of *locus standi*, which raised fundamental questions about the scope of relief which can be sought on a petition ([2023] EWHC 2451 (Ch)).
- *Haider v Delma Engineering Projects Co LLC*: Acted for Mr Haider in a claim brought by him alleging the group of companies of which he was CEO was allegedly the subject of a systematic fraud perpetrated by the use of false letters of credit ([2023] BCC 600 application for permission to continue a derivative claim).
- *RQP v ZYX*: Acted in an application to resist enforcement of a peremptory order of an arbitral tribunal, which raised interesting issues about confidentiality in arbitral proceedings and repudiation of the arbitration agreement ([2022] EWHC 2949 (Comm)).
- *PSV 1982 Ltd v Langdon*: acted in the recent leading Court of Appeal case on the operation of sections 216 and 217 of the Insolvency Act 1986 ([2022] EWCA Civ 1319).

Recommendations

Very hard-working junior with good written advocacy skills. Highly responsive. [The Legal 500 2025](#)