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Overview

Patrick became a member of Chambers in September 2018, having joined as a pupil in September 2017.

He is building a broad commercial practice, including shipping, banking, company/insolvency law, insurance, and civil fraud/asset recovery.

He specialises in all areas of commercial law, including shipping, banking, sale of goods, insurance, and civil fraud/asset recovery. In addition to working with other members of Chambers, Patrick has been instructed in commercial and shipping matters in his own right.

Before joining Chambers, Patrick spent nearly three years as an employed barrister working for Joseph Hage Aaronson LLP. His experience included acting as junior in a significant judicial review (led by Pushpinder Saini QC, of Blackstone Chambers) concerning the validity of EU sanctions against Russian entities, and advising a large energy company regarding potential claims arising out of a joint venture contract. He also gained experience of restitution claims brought in respect of unlawfully exacted tax (the FII litigation), arbitration claims brought under bilateral investment treaties and annulment applications to the General Court of the EU.

Patrick read law at the University of Oxford, graduating with a first class degree and ranked first in the university in contract law. He also studied for the BCL, taking papers in restitution of unjust enrichment, conflict of laws, commercial remedies and corporate insolvency.

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Professional memberships

- Commercial Bar Association
- London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association

Lectures / talks

- Clauses paramount
- Recent development in shipping law

Education

- University of Oxford, Christ Church, Bachelor of Civil Law (2013)
- BPP Law School, Bar Professional Training Course (2012)
- University of Oxford, Christ Church, BA in Jurisprudence (2011)

Example cases

- *R (on the application of Rosneft) v HM Treasury and others* [2015] EWHC 248 (Admin): substantive hearing.
- *R (on the application of Rosneft) v HM Treasury and others* [2014] EWHC 4002 (Admin): interim relief.

Banking and financial services

- Patrick is currently acting for a major City bank in respect of allegations of PPI mis-selling.
- Assisted, during pupillage, Stephen Atherton QC in respect of the proper interpretation of a multi-billion dollar revolving loan facility.

Civil fraud and asset tracing

- *Nitron v Barington Alliance LLP and Ors*: obtained, with Luke Pearce, a worldwide freezing order on behalf of a major US commodities trader against an English LLP and associated persons and entities
- *Re Gerald Smith*: assisting enforcement receivers in respect of the recovery of a very large confiscation order (c.US\$80 million).
- Assisting, during pupillage, Philip Edey QC and Andrew Fulton in relation to *Fundo Soberano De Angola v dos Santos and others* [2018] EWHC 2199 (Comm).

General commercial

- *Mobile Telecommunications Company v HRH Prince Hussam*: appeared, led by Thomas Raphael QC, for MTC on Prince Hussam's application, under the new paragraph 21 of PD51U, for inspection of documents allegedly mentioned in a witness statement ((2019] EWHC 2968 (Comm)) and on Prince Hussam's application for the setting aside of an order for the extension of time under s.79 Arbitration Act 1996 ([2019] EWHC 3109 (Comm)).
- *In the matter of an LCIA Arbitration*: acting, led by Lawrence Akka QC and Rupert Hamilton, for the Defendant in a +US\$100m IT arbitration.
- *Re ARDN*: acting, with Tony Beswetherick, for the petitioning shareholders in respect of an acrimonious dispute arising from a project for the development of drone technology. Successfully secured the appointment of provisional liquidators over the company after a 'without notice' application.
- *Folgender Holdings Ltd v Letraz Properties Ltd* [2019] EWHC 2131 (Ch): acted, led by Julian Kenny QC, for a property developer in a dispute concerning the grant of a charge over luxury property in London.

Insurance and reinsurance

- *Riverstone Services Ltd and Ors v New India Assurance Company*: acting, as sole counsel, for the Claimant in High Court dispute worth c. US\$1.6 million, arising from an insurance claim made under a marine hull break-up policy.

Energy and infrastructure

- Advising a quantity surveyor in respect of the carriage of a cargo of caissons from Spain to Scotland.

Shipping

Patrick has a busy shipping practice. Recent instructions (as sole counsel) include:

- *A v B*: acting for charterers in an LMAA arbitration concerning an off-hire dispute, with a former Court of Appeal judge as arbitrator.
- *A v B*: acting for owners in an arbitration concerning US\$1 million plus charterparty dispute raising issues of shortloading, detention damages and demurrage.

- *Princes Tuna v Maersk Line A/S*: High Court cargo dispute involving damage to consignment of tuna.
- *Ming Sheng Seafood v Maersk Line A/S*: High Court cargo dispute involving damage to consignment of shrimp.
- *MSC Mediterranean Shipping Co v Royal Canadian Steel Co*: High Court dispute involving damage caused by falling steel coil.
- *Huber and Lieskovska v X Yachts*: High Court dispute regarding sale of a cruising yacht.