

Sarah Tresman

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Overview

Sarah is a versatile and experienced barrister with extensive client-facing expertise in England and offshore.

She spent seven years at the London Bar and three years in the Cayman Islands as a litigation attorney with a top tier offshore law firm, Walkers. In August 2019, she returned to Twenty Essex, with expertise significant in civil fraud and asset tracing, company law, and commercial law.

Whilst at Twenty Essex, Sarah developed a strong commercial practice across Chambers' core practice areas. She appeared as sole advocate in the County Courts and High Court and as a junior in the Court of Appeal. She has experience cross-examining expert and factual witnesses. She has extensive client-facing experience having spent periods of time working in-house in London and Norway.

During her time in the Cayman Islands, Sarah worked in the insolvency and dispute resolution department with a focus on litigation. She pursued work related to insolvency, civil fraud and asset tracing, and provided legal services to global corporations, financial institutions, capital markets participants and investment fund managers.

Sarah regularly advised on the laws of the Cayman Islands in the context of commercial and company disputes (including shareholder disputes and director disputes and piercing the corporate veil), contentious trust litigation, insolvency, civil fraud and asset tracing. She frequently considered the availability of interlocutory relief, including freezing injunctions and post-

Publications

- *AHAB v SICL & others*: The Cauldron of Fraud
- Norwich Pharmacal relief – obtaining documents to assist in the enforcement of a foreign arbitral award
- When is a trustee's directions application not an abuse of process?

Professional memberships

- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association

Lectures / talks

- Piercing the Corporate Veil under Cayman Islands law (2017)

judgment enforcement issues. She has experience obtaining and responding to interim injunctions, securing Norwich Pharmacal relief in novel circumstances, and obtaining anti-suit injunctions.

She has substantial experience appearing in the courts of the Cayman Islands, working closely with partners and leading counsel, with a specialist interest in Saudi law (in particular issues pertaining to proprietary claims and tracing) and Cayman Islands conflict of laws rules.

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Education

- Inns of Court School of Law: Bar Vocational Course (2008)
- University of Oxford: Bachelor of Civil Law (2007)
- London School of Economics: Bachelor of Laws (2006)

Awards / prizes / scholarships

- Queen Mother's Scholarship, Middle Temple (2007)
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Scholarship (2006)
- John Griffiths Prize (2004)

Example cases

- *Ahmad Hamad Algosabi & Brothers v Saad Investment Company Limited, Maan Al Sanea & others* (Unreported, 30 November 2018): worked as part of the Walkers team, and closely with counsel, who represented nine of the 16 corporate defendants who were alleged to have received proceeds of one of the "largest Ponzi schemes in history". The perpetrators fraudulently obtained US\$126 billion in loans from more than 100 international banks. The trial lasted just over 12 months and was the longest running and highest value fraud case ever to have been tried in the Cayman Islands. The appeal was heard by the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal in May and June 2019.
- *Palladyne International Asset Management BV v Upper Brook (A) Limited et al* 2018: Sarah worked as part of the Walkers team. She was involved in all aspects of pre-trial preparations and worked closely with leading counsel during the trial, undertaking research and preparing memoranda. The case raised interesting questions under the Libya (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2011.
- *In the Matter of a Deed of Settlement between T Co. v AA et al*: worked as part of the Walkers team in contentious trust litigation that gave rise to a number of interim applications contesting the validity of service, for anti-suit injunctions, and for strike out relief. Sarah drafted skeleton arguments and appeared in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands as a junior.
- *Al Sadik v Investcorp Bank et al* 2018: worked as part of the Walkers team in applying for a post-judgment anti-suit injunction to prevent re-litigation in a foreign jurisdiction.
- *Fiona Trust*: instructed as a junior in the Fiona Trust litigation, a case concerning claims made by two Russian state shipping companies against their former director-generals seeking damages of over US\$850 million on the basis of wide-ranging allegations of fraud.
- *Hut Group v Nobahar-Cookson* [2016] EWCA Civ 128: acted (led by Philip Edey QC) for claimant resisting appeal in relation to successful claim for breach of financial warranty under share purchase agreement.
- "The Falkonera" 2014: appeared in the Court of Appeal (led by Christopher Hancock QC) in a case concerning the withholding of approval of the VLCC nominated by the charterers.
- *Lombard North Central Pic v Hussein*: instructed pro bono as sole counsel, seeking to set aside default judgment.
- Led by Helen Davies QC in 2014 two multi-million-dollar claims arising under contracts for the construction of two semi-submersible drilling rigs.
- Appeared as a junior (led by Timothy Young QC) in a multi-million-dollar ICC arbitration concerning claims that raised complex issues of fact and law made under a contract for the management of an offshore oilrig. Cross-examined an expert witness on issues of class certification.

- Appeared as a junior (led by Christopher Hancock QC) in four LMAA arbitrations heard concurrently, each involved questions of contractual construction under the shipbuilding contracts.
- Appeared as a junior (led by Thomas Raphael QC) in an arbitration involving allegations of repudiatory breach of a contract for the construction of a luxury super yacht.