



## Charlotte Beynon

Year of Call: 2015

*“pragmatic, responsive and commercial.”*

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## Practice Overview

Charlotte has a broad commercial chancery practice with particular experience in the fields of contentious trusts, civil fraud and commercial litigation. She frequently deals with complex, high-value cases, both onshore and offshore, often with international elements. She is currently instructed in several offshore trust disputes, a multi-million dollar foreign-law governed Commercial Court dispute concerning allegations of bribery and a high-profile piece of UK insolvency litigation concerning directors' misfeasance claims.

Charlotte regularly appears in the High Court and County Court both led and as sole counsel. She also appears as specialist chancery counsel in matrimonial proceedings in the Family Division.

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## Areas of Expertise

### Civil Fraud

*Accident Exchange v McLean & Ors*: - acted, with Hugh Norbury QC and Dan McCourt Fritz, for Keoghs, one of three firms of solicitors joined to Accident Exchange's £130m conspiracy claim said to arise out of Autofocus' "perjury on an industrial scale". Following successful applications by Keoghs and the other firms for security for costs, the claim settled shortly before trial.

*Tatneft PJSC v Bogolyubov & Ors*: acted in this very substantial Commercial Court dispute involving claims under

Article 1064 of the Russian Civil Code.

*Newmafruit Farms Limited & Ors v Pither & Ors*: acted for the Claimant company in connection with a substantial property fraud, including obtaining a freezing and proprietary injunction against two of the defendants.

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## Private Client Trusts and Probate

*Hagen v Hagen*: acted, led by Dakis Hagen QC, for the Respondent husband in financial remedy proceedings in the High Court. The case, which settled mid-trial, involved the family behind Viking River Cruises.

Instructed to appear as sole counsel for a third party in financial remedy proceedings (subject to reporting restrictions) raising various issues as to the beneficial ownership of two UK properties.

Instructed, as specialist Chancery counsel to defend claims advanced by the wife in financial remedy proceedings (subject to reporting restrictions) that various holding structures constituted a nuptial settlement amenable to variation by the court.

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## Insolvency

Currently instructed in a high-profile piece of UK insolvency litigation concerning directors' misfeasance claims.

*Officeserve Technologies Ltd (In Liquidation) v Anthony-Mike* [2017] B.C.C. 574 – acted, with Dakis Hagen QC, for the former Executive Chairman of a failed tech company accused of misapplying corporate funds for his own benefit.

Assisted Philip Marshall QC in acting for administrators in the Lehman Brothers "waterfall" litigation.

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## Commercial Litigation

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*Sim v Shurgard UK Limited* – acted as sole counsel for the Defendant company and successfully obtained an order striking out the Claimant's claims.

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## Company

*Robinson v Travel Trade Group Limited* – acted for the Claimants/Applicants in Part 8 proceedings against their co-directors seeking information as to the financial position of the company.

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## International and Offshore

Acted for the beneficiaries and incoming trustees in the trial of contentious proceedings seeking the removal of a trustee of two connected Jersey trusts together with rectification and confirmation orders.

Acted in a multi-billion dollar dispute arising out of mining activities in South America involving complex choice of law and jurisdiction issues.

Defending proceedings in the BVI for enforcement of a multi-million-dollar judgment against assets held by a Panamanian Foundation.

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## **Chancery**

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## **Scholarships and Prizes**

Eastham, Lord Mansfield, Lord Bowen and Hardwicke Scholarships (Lincoln's Inn) Buchanan Prize (Lincoln's Inn)  
Barstow Scholarship (City University)  
Stephen Boyd Memorial Prize, Academic Scholarship (University College, Oxford)

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## **Education & Qualifications**

University College, Oxford: BA English Literature (Double First)  
City University: GDL; BPTC

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