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Year of Silk: 2002 Year of Call: 1983

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Practice Overview

Dominic Dowley KC is a highly-regarded commercial and contentious chancery silk with wide and lengthy experience in both fields.

He acts in litigation/arbitration concerning civil fraud, contentious trusts, banking and financial services, commercial disputes, ancillary proceedings, asset-tracing and recovery. He has conducted lengthy trials both in England and abroad.

His experience in foreign jurisdictions includes disputes concerning Guernsey, Jersey, Bermuda, the Bahamas, St Christopher & Nevis, the Isle of Man, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Qatar, Abu Dhabi and the United States.

Areas of Expertise

Commercial Litigation

Dominic has lengthy experience of hard-fought and protracted commercial litigation both in England and overseas. For example:

Re Citco (claims by the Madoff liquidator against administrators) (instructed by Macfarlanes LLP)

Salem v Rothschild (claims arising from allegations of partnership relating to large commercial enterprises) (instructed by Clifford Chance LLP)

Tchenguz v Serious Fraud Office (instructed by Slaughter and May)

Zayed Charitable Foundation v Union National Bank (Abu Dhabi arbitration concerning banking security documents) (instructed by Clyde & Co)

BBX Capital Management v Royal Bank of Canada Trust Co (enforcement of Florida judgment in Cayman (instructed by Maples & Calder)

Chambal Ltd v French Arab Union Bank (letter of credit/UCP) (instructed by Ince & Co) *Novoship UK Ltd v Mikhaylyuk* (international commercial fraud) (instructed by Ince & Co) *Fiona Trust* litigation (international commercial and shipping fraud) (instructed by Ince & Co) *NOUK Ltd v Mirador Shipping* (international shipping fraud) (instructed by Ince & Co)

SCAL v Beech (Supreme Court of Bermuda; dispute over hedge fund management and remuneration) (instructed by Goodman Derrick)

Omega Group Holdings Inc v Kozeny & Ors (international financial fraud covering privatization of state property in Azerbaijan) (instructed by Macfarlanes)

Three Rivers District Council v Bank of England (instructed by Lovells)

Civil Fraud

Dominic has wide experience of fraud litigation, usually involving international criminality and claims for international

ancillary relief.

A v B (substantial arbitration involving allegations that valuable industrial contracts were obtained as a result of bribes paid by the Respondent's agent) (instructed by Arnold & Porter).

Novoship UK Ltd v Mikhailyuk (international commercial fraud; offshore asset tracing and disputes concerning trust structures in various jurisdictions, including St Christopher & Nevis, Guernsey, Jersey, New York and Florida) (instructed by Ince & Co)

Fiona Trust litigation (international commercial and shipping fraud; offshore asset tracing including in Switzerland and British Virgin Islands: disputes concerning ownership and status of assets etc (instructed by Ince & Co)

NOUK Ltd v Mirador Shipping (international shipping fraud; St Christopher & Nevis: offshore companies and trusts disputes) (instructed by Ince & Co)

Omega Group Holdings Inc v Kozeny & Ors (international financial fraud covering privatization of state property in Azerbaijan; proceedings in the Bahamas, Colorado, the Cayman Islands) (instructed by Macfarlanes)

Private Client Trusts and Probate

Dominic regularly advises and acts in trust litigation, both in England and in offshore jurisdictions, including Bermuda, the Caribbean, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Wong v Grand View Private Trust Co & Ors (Bermudian proceedings concerning very substantial purpose trusts).

Re Juffali (instructed by Farrers LLP)

Re Salem (lengthy contested applications to the Royal Court of Guernsey in connection with the reorganization of trusts) (instructed by Clifford Chance LLP)

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Re M's Trusts (international trusts disputes; Jersey and Isle of Man; terms of trusts, duties of trustees, entitlements of beneficiaries, jurisdiction) (instructed by Macfarlanes)

Re A's Trusts (International trusts disputes; beneficiaries' entitlements; asset management strategies; England/Jersey) (instructed by Macfarlanes)

RCB Trustees (Guernsey; discretionary management of trust investments) (instructed by Macfarlanes)

Re Dragon Trust (Bermuda: discretionary trust, availability of trust assets, liability of trustees) (instructed by Macfarlanes)

Insurance and Reinsurance

Banking and Financial Services

Dominic acts in disputes concerning banking transactions. Examples include:

Zayed Charitable Foundation v Union National Bank (arbitration concerning banking security documents in Abu Dhabi) (instructed by Clyde & Co)

Chambal Ltd v French Arab Union Bank (letter of credit/UCP) (instructed by Ince & Co)

Financial Services

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Arbitration

Dominic has sat as an arbitrator on LCIA and ad hoc arbitrations in a variety of commercial disputes. He has also acted as counsel in numerous arbitrations and has a wide knowledge of the rules and practices of the major arbitration providers.

Chancery

International and Offshore

Dominic's work, both chancery and commercial, mostly involves and concerns offshore jurisdictions

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Matrimonial Finance: Trusts and Company law

Quotes

"A fine opponent who is even-handed and extremely fair-minded." (Chambers & Partners, 2026)

"Dominic is highly capable and a very good advocate. He's quick and sharp-witted, and can absorb a huge amount of detail incredibly quickly." (Chambers & Partners, 2025)

"Dominic is a really skilled tactician and an impressive advocate." (Chambers & Partners, 2025)

"Dominic is an absolute stickler for details, who is one of a kind. He's a lawyer of fierce intellect." (Chambers & Partners, 2025)

"A fantastic advocate who can absorb a lot of detail." (Chambers & Partners, 2024)

"A great opponent, who is even-handed and extremely fair minded." (Chambers & Partners, 2024) *"A really skilled tactician and an impressive advocate."* (Chambers & Partners UK Bar, 2023)

"One of a kind, he has a fierce intellect and is an absolute stickler for detail." (Chambers & Partners UK Bar, 2023)

"He has a great bedside manner and is a quietly effective advocate." "He is superb. He's very authoritative and so masterful at explaining difficult concepts to a client." (Chambers & Partners, 2020)

"Approachable and diligent." "Very persuasive in court." (Chambers & Partners, 2020) *"Extremely responsive and helpful in a time-pressured case."* (The Legal 500, 2020) *"Charming, always available, and gets the issues quickly."*

(The Legal 500, 2020)

"A hardworking silk of note." (The Legal 500, 2020)

Education & Qualifications

MA (Hons) New College, Oxford

Diploma in Law (with Distinction), City University, London

Bacon Scholar of Gray's Inn

Barstow Law Scholar

Memberships

Commercial Bar Association

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