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Practice Overview

Isaac joined chambers in 2025 following the successful completion of pupillage, under the supervision of Jennifer Meech, Matthew Morrison KC, Thomas Elias, Emma Hargreaves, and Michael Walsh KC. He is developing a broad commercial chancery practice across Chambers' practice areas, including commercial litigation, company, civil fraud, private client, property, arbitration, and offshore work.

Before joining the Bar, Isaac studied Law at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, graduating with double first-class honours. He then completed the BCL at Oxford with Merit and the BVS at City, University of London with Distinction. He has been awarded multiple scholarships, including the Queen Mother Scholarship from Middle Temple.

Isaac is a non-stipendiary lecturer at Hertford College, Oxford, and a visiting lecturer at King's College London. He has also obtained the MCIArb qualification.

Areas of Expertise

Commercial Litigation

- Kijani Resources: assisted Matthew Morrison KC in proceedings seeking the recovery of a sum over US\$100m from a bank as a result of its alleged failures to comply with *Quincecare* duties, when the claimants were the victims of a major fraud. The proceedings raised novel questions about the scope of the *Quincecare* duty following the Supreme Court's decision in *Philipp v Barclays Bank* and the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal's decision in *Tugu*.
- Acting for (led by John Machell KC) a group of companies involved in a dispute about the correct interpretation of a trust document.
- Assisted Matthew Morrison KC in a post-trial interim payment application.
- Assisted Jennifer Meech in a mediation concerning a failed collective investment scheme.
- Assisted Jennifer Meech in a group claim involving motor commissions.
- Assisted Jennifer Meech in preparing an advice on a gambling dispute.

Company

- Assisted Daniel Lightman KC in advising a company, whose subscribers failed to formally record the transfer of their shares more than 40 years ago.
- Assisted Daniel Lightman KC in resisting an application for permission to appeal to the Privy Council on a Guernsey company dispute.
- Assisted Kuldip Singh KC in a members' voluntary liquidation where the company had multiple classes of shares.
- Assisted Daniel Lightman KC in an unfair prejudice petition involving a quasi-partnership company.
- Assisted Emma Hargreaves in a dispute between two camps of shareholders in an unlimited company.

Civil Fraud

- *İşbilen v Turk*: assisted Matthew Morrison KC and Zahler Bryan in defending a financial services provider, who was alleged to have breached its *Quincecare* duties and to have dishonestly assisted breaches of fiduciary duty.
- Assisted Michael Walsh KC in a push payment fraud case.

- Assisted Jennifer Meech in a claim by a company that was suing its former directors for using company assets for fraudulent purposes.

Private Client Trusts and Probate

- Assisted Elizabeth Jones KC (who acted as mediator) in a family trust dispute.
- Assisted Emma Hargreaves in the application of an anonymity order in an inheritance case where the deceased was a well-known actor.
- Assisted Emma Hargreaves in a family dispute where parents and their son made competing claims to heirlooms and artworks.
- Assisted Emma Hargreaves in a case concerning the nature of a sub-trust.
- Assisted Emma Hargreaves in a divorce case where the couple and their families had extensive assets in the Middle East.
- Assisted Emma Hargreaves in a divorce case involving *Barder* and *Thwaite* jurisdictions.
- Assisted Emma Hargreaves in a costs dispute involving legal professional privilege issues.

International and Offshore

- Assisted John Machell KC in a BVI case concerning charging orders and orders for sale.
- Assisted Emma Hargreaves in a dispute concerning a Bahamas trust allegedly established for the purpose of tax evasion.
- Assisted Emma Hargreaves in an offshore dispute involving complex evidential problems.
- Assisted Emma Hargreaves in a family dispute in the Bahamas.

Insolvency

- Assisted Lance Ashworth KC in a cross-border insolvency case.
- Assisted Matthew Morrison KC in a contested winding-up petition.

Intellectual Property

- M L Technology v B.E.A.T. SAM: Assisted Thomas Elias in a two-week trial involving trademark and copyright disputes.

Property

- Fortify Solent Ltd v Persons Unknown: assisted Michael Walsh KC in obtaining a newcomer injunction to prevent “urban explorers” trespassing on Spitbank Fort.
- Abacus Land 4 v Bradley: assisted Michael Walsh KC in a Court of Appeal hearing concerning whether the contractual test in service charge clauses is objective reasonableness or mere rationality in the *Braganza* sense.
- Assisted Michael Walsh KC in a property investment dispute.

Arbitration

- Assisted Rupert Reed KC and Gregor Hogan in an LCIA arbitration concerning a building project in Africa.
- Assisted Lara Kuehl in a Singapore-seated arbitration concerning a construction dispute in the Middle East.
- Isaac has participated and coached in the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

Banking and Financial Services

Private International Law

Matrimonial Finance: Trusts and Company law

Education & Qualifications

Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge: MA (Law) (Double First)

St Hugh's College, Oxford: BCL (Merit)

City, University of London: BVS (Distinction)

Memberships

MCIArb (Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators)

Chancery Bar Association

Young Fraud Lawyers Association
