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Year of Call: 2011

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Practice Overview

Marc's practice covers a wide range of commercial and civil fraud disputes. His cases are frequently international in nature, giving rise to jurisdiction challenges and issues of foreign law. He regularly acts in litigation with an insolvency or trusts element and on applications for urgent injunctions, especially in the asset recovery context. He has experience of dealing with cases involving gambling, cryptocurrency and sanctions.

Marc is sought out for high value, high profile and high stakes cases. He has appeared twice in the Supreme Court, conducting oral advocacy on both occasions: *BTA Bank v Khrapunov* (on jurisdiction for, and scope of, unlawful means conspiracy claims) and *Invest Bank v El-Husseiny* (on the scope to reverse transactions defrauding creditors under section 423, Insolvency Act 1986). He is currently instructed on a pending Supreme Court appeal: *Crescent Gas v NIOC*, a \$2bn dispute raising issues of agency, insolvency and trusts law.

A flavour of Marc's recent instructions:

- Acting for 3,000+ claimants in the UK group action against Johnson & Johnson alleging fraudulent misrepresentations in the marketing and sale of allegedly contaminated talc-based baby powder.
- Defending a \$357m claim brought by the Bahamian Government against the Grand Bahama Port Authority.
- Represented the defendant companies in a US\$3billion+ Ukrainian banking fraud claim, *PrivatBank v Kolomoisky, Bogolyubov, Teamtrend Ltd & others*; one of [The Lawyer's "Top 20 cases of 2022"](#).

Marc is ranked by Chambers and Partners for three different practice areas: Commercial Dispute Resolution, Civil Fraud and Gambling Disputes. He is described as having “*a razor sharp mind and a particular gift in unpacking complex commercial information and presenting it in a way that is helpful for the solicitors and court, with a pleasant advocacy style*” (2026 edition) and “*extremely able and brilliant on his feet*” (2025 edition). He is also ranked in Legal 500, Chambers Global and Lexology Index.

Areas of Expertise

Commercial Litigation

Government of the Bahamas v Grand Bahama Port Authority Ltd (UNCITRAL arbitration; award made public in March 2026). Acting for the private port authority of the city of Freeport, defending a claim for \$357m brought by the Bahamian Government under the 1955 Hawksbill Creek Agreement in respect of expenditure on public services and counterclaiming for breaches of that agreement. Contract governed by Bahamian law; Bahamas seated arbitration; tribunal comprised: Sir Anthony Smellie (former Chief Justice of Cayman Islands), Lord Neuberger and Dame Elizabeth Gloster.

Crescent Gas v NIOC [2025] EWCA Civ 1211. Acted for the appellant / defendant, resisting the enforcement of an \$2bn arbitration award against English property. Raised issues of concerning asset transfers, including: agency, manner of execution of documents by companies, validity of declarations of trust and reversal of transactions under s.423, Insolvency Act 1986.

Invest Bank v El-Husseini and others: as junior counsel in the Commercial Court, succeeded, on a preliminary issues trial which engaged expert evidence of UAE law, in establishing that final Abu Dhabi court judgments were enforceable in England at common law notwithstanding that local Abu Dhabi courts had recently refused to enforce them ([2024] 1 WLR 2132). Separately, succeeded in resisting applications for security for costs ([2022] EWHC 3008 (Comm)).

ME v TalkTalk (2022): as sole counsel in Commercial Court proceedings, acting for claimant in dispute over

termination of long-running services contract and substantial claim in debt & damages.

Credico Marketing v Lambert and others (2021): High Court (Queen's Bench) proceedings, acting for a 'face-to-face' marketing company in its claims against rival companies and their directors for the torts of procuring breach of contract, misrepresentation, and causing loss by unlawful means.

[Importer & Reseller] v [Luxury New York Fashion Accessories Brand] (2021): as sole counsel in mediation, acting for defendant in a dispute following termination of a long-term agency relationship. Engaged issues of novation / assignment, business valuation and availability of compensation under the Commercial Agents Regulations.

Hussein family v Ahmed family [2021] EWHC 2213 (Ch): as sole counsel in the High Court (Chancery), succeeded for defendants in applications for strike-out, reverse summary judgment and stay of various claims for misrepresentation and unjust enrichment in connection with the sale of restaurant businesses in London.

Civil Fraud

Williams v Nest Services [2025] EWHC 1409 (Comm). As sole counsel in the High Court, successfully obtained novel form of *Norwich Pharmacal* disclosure order against as yet unidentified exchanges and third parties worldwide to trace misappropriated cryptocurrency.

PrivatBank v Kolomoisky, Bogolyubov, Teamtrend Ltd and others: [2025] EWHC 1987 (Ch) as junior counsel, represented corporate defendants in a US\$3billion+ claim for alleged misappropriation of monies from Ukraine's largest bank prior to its nationalisation. One of [The Lawyer's "Top 20 cases of 2022"](#).

Invest Bank v El-Husseini and others [2026] AC 1 – junior counsel in the Supreme Court – conducting oral advocacy on appeal on behalf of the respondent UAE bank seeking to enforce Abu Dhabi court judgments and for relief under s.423, Insolvency Act 1986 to recover real estate, shares and cash transferred away by the judgment debtor and his companies.

Condair v Price [2021] EWHC 2461 (QB): as sole counsel in the High Court (Queen's Bench), secured ex parte freezing injunction and extensive disclosure orders in support of 7-figure claim for embezzlement by a company's financial controller (engaging issues of proprietary relief, unjust enrichment, constructive trust, deceit, breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract).

Hussein family v Ahmed family [2021] EWHC 2213 (Ch): as sole counsel in High Court (Chancery), succeeded for the defendants in applications for strike-out, summary judgment and stay of various claims of fraudulent misrepresentation and unjust enrichment in connection with the sale of restaurant businesses in London.

Gray v Hurley [2019] EWCA Civ 2222: the Court of Appeal, representing a claimant in a jurisdiction challenge and anti-suit injunction application in relation to claims of resulting trusts, undue influence and unjust enrichment for recovery of high value real estate, shares and hypercars located abroad (including the Ferrari F1 that Michael Schumacher drove to the 2003 World Championship title).

F v Persons Unknown (2019): as sole counsel in the High Court, secured urgent ex parte freezing injunction for victim of a sophisticated fraud, where the true identity of the fraudster was unknown and had transferred misappropriated funds into Bitcoin.

JSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov and Khrapunov [2020] AC 727: in the Supreme Court, represented the Second Defendant, challenging jurisdiction for a claim of over US\$500m+ for unlawful means conspiracy based on alleged breaches of freezing orders.

International and Offshore

Invest Bank v El-Husseini and others: as junior counsel in the Commercial Court, succeeded, on a preliminary issues trial which engaged expert evidence of UAE law, in establishing that final Abu Dhabi court judgments were enforceable in England at common law notwithstanding that local Abu Dhabi courts had recently refused to enforce them ([2024] 1 WLR 2132).

PrivatBank v Kolomoisky, Bogolyubov, Teamtrend Ltd and others [2020] Ch 783: as junior counsel in the Court of Appeal, representing corporate defendants incorporated in the BVI in challenging the English Court's jurisdiction for a US\$3billion+ claim for alleged misappropriation of monies from Ukraine's largest bank prior to its nationalisation.

JSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov and Khrapunov [2020] AC 727: as junior counsel in the UK Supreme Court, represented the Second Defendant resident in Switzerland, in dispute concerning jurisdiction for unlawful means conspiracy.

Insolvency

Marc has particular experience with section 423 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (transactions defrauding creditors) and related relief under sections 238 and 339 of the 1986 Act:

- *Crescent Gas v NIOC* – proceedings to reverse the transfer of a high value London property by a \$2bn arbitration award debtor in circumstances where debtor had previously declared a trust over the property in favour of the third party transferee.
- *Invest Bank v El-Husseini and others* – proceedings to reverse the transfer of a series of assets in UK and abroad by the companies of a judgment debtor to his family members

UAE bank seeking to enforce Abu Dhabi court judgments and for relief under s.423, Insolvency Act 1986 to recover real estate, shares and cash transferred away by the judgment debtor and his companies.

Gambling Disputes

Marc's practice spans the entire gamut of gambling disputes:

- Bringing / defending claims for compensation for taking advantage of gambling addictions, often involving complex psychiatric expert evidence.
- Actions for recovery of money from gambling operators in circumstances where money had been misappropriated / stolen and then gambled by the fraudster / thief.
- Disputes over winnings, typically involving interpretation of the rules of games, and of gambling companies' terms and conditions.

Working on all these different kinds of cases has furnished Marc with a broad and detailed knowledge of the gambling regulatory framework.

Chambers & Partners (2026 edition) describes Marc as “*an expert in gambling disputes. He is very strategic and good at pointing out the risks.*”

Some of his cases include:

[Private Individual] v Paddy Power (2024): acting unled for a customer in a contractual dispute (engaging aspects of the Consumer Rights Act 2015) against one of the UK’s biggest gambling operator relating to pay out of 6-figure winnings on football accumulator ‘acca’ bets.

Condair v [various gambling operators] (2022-24): as sole counsel, representing company whose ex-employee stole money from it and gambled 6-figure sums at various operators. Company seeks recovery of the money from the operators, alleging breaches of gambling licences (anti-money laundering and social responsibility code provisions) in permitting the ex-employee to gamble with them.

[Individual] v [Online gambling operator] (2021-24): as sole counsel, representing claimant who alleges a gambling addiction and seeks recovery of 6-figure sums gambled online over a period of a few weeks.

[Individual] v [Offshore gambling website] (2020): as sole counsel, advising individual gambler in dispute with offshore company in respect of disputed ‘win’ on online casino game.

Ritz Hotel Casino v Al Geabury [2015] EWHC 2294 (QB). Successfully represented the casino at a six day High Court trial in a claim for unpaid roulette losses against a ‘high roller’ which raised detailed evidential issues about alleged gambling addiction and legal issues concerning the regulation of casinos and their obligations towards their patrons. In finding for the Ritz, Mrs Justice Simler relied upon documentary evidence which had been “painstakingly analysed by Mr Delehanty” (see judgment at para. 16). The defendant’s compliance with his disclosure obligations was scrutinised across a number of hotly contested pre-trial High Court hearings at which Marc, as sole counsel, secured orders for specific disclosure. The case was extensively reported in: [The Mirror](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Express](#), [The Mail](#) and [The Evening Standard](#).

Recommendations

Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

- Fraud: Civil, Band 3
- Commercial Dispute Resolution, Band 3
- Gambling Disputes, Band 1

Chambers & Partners Global 2026 Dispute Resolution: Commercial, Band 3

Legal 500 2026

- Fraud: Civil, Band 2
- Commercial Litigation, Band 3

Lexology Index – Asset Recovery, England: ‘Recommended’

Quotes

"Marc is really thriving and has had a lot of victories in the last year. Recently, he was a standout in the Supreme Court in terms of his advocacy." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Marc Delehanty is always a pleasure to work with. His written work is superb, he's excellent on his feet and he understands clients." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Marc is incredibly hard-working, and his client-handling skills are superb. He enjoys being part of the team, and he is brilliant fun." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"He has got a razor sharp mind and a particular gift in unpacking complex commercial information and presenting it in a way that is helpful for the solicitors and court, with a pleasant advocacy style." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"He is very diligent and thorough." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Marc Delehanty is incredibly hard-working, and his client handling skills were superb." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Marc is an expert in gambling disputes. He is very strategic and good at pointing out the risks." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Marc is very clever. His amiable personality and competitive spirit make him a joy to work with on any matter." (Legal 500 2026)

"A charming advocate." (Legal 500 2026)

"Marc is very good. He's a very clever guy. I was impressed by him." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Marc Delehanty has a great bedside manner; he is very good at hand-holding. He's also very good at being involved in the team. He is commercially minded and gives great advice." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Marc is a fantastic junior to have on a complex case. He is a very gifted technical lawyer, who works extremely hard." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Extremely able and brilliant on his feet. He turns written work around very quickly, which is always a help when running matters." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Marc has a maths background and it really shows in the way he approaches problems – he is very logical." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Marc is a superb junior. Great to work with, he's astute and very responsive." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"An engaging advocate, who is very organised and logical in his thinking." (Legal 500 2025)

"Marc's ability to distil complicated information into a user-friendly document is second to none. He is a natural advocate who makes persuasive submissions seemingly effortlessly." (Legal 500 2025)

"very bright, with an encyclopedic knowledge of the law" (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Marc doesn't take the easy option. His determination and tenacity is excellent and a real bonus in hard-fought commercial fraud litigation." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Marc is extremely thorough and his attention to detail is invaluable. Moreover, he has a good depth of knowledge of the law in this practice area, and he is strong on his legal analysis." (Legal 500 2024)

"Marc skilfully provides strategic and commercial input to augment his excellent technical advice." (Chambers & Partners UK Bar, 2023)

"Marc is bright beyond his year of call and always seems to be a couple of steps ahead of the opposition." (Chambers & Partners UK Bar, 2023)

"A well-prepared, understated advocate who is very measured - judges respond well to his advocacy style." (Chambers & Partners)

"A very good strategist and tactically astute. An impressive advocate and very good on his feet." (Legal 500)

Scholarships and Prizes

Phoenicia Scholarship from the Bar European Group.

Hardwicke Entrance Award and Eastham Scholarship from Lincoln's Inn.

The de Montmorency prize in law from Peterhouse, University of Cambridge.

Cambridge European Trust Bursary – awarded for an 'outstanding academic record'.

Education & Qualifications

BA (Mod.) in Mathematics at Trinity College, Dublin
(2005) – First Class

MA in Legal Studies at University of Bristol
(2008) – Distinction

Master of Law (LLM) at Peterhouse, Cambridge
(2009) – First Class

Bar Professional Training Course
(2011; Advocacy Scholar)

Memberships

Commercial Bar Association

Chancery Bar Association

London Irish Lawyers Association (LILA)
