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Practice Overview

Ryan joined Chambers in October 2023 following the successful completion of pupillage, during which he sat with Dan McCourt Fritz KC, Matthew Morrison, Sophie Holcombe, Stephanie Wickenden and Jonathan McDonagh. As a pupil, he has worked on a wide range of cases across commercial litigation, group litigation, company law, intellectual property, insolvency, civil fraud, charities, contentious trusts and probate disputes. He is developing a broad commercial chancery practice across Chambers' core practice areas, as well as in intellectual property and charity law.

Before joining Chambers, Ryan trained and qualified as a solicitor in 2021 with Slaughter and May. He previously read History and Politics at Oxford before converting to law.

Areas of Expertise

Company

C. Christo & Co Limited v Christoforou [2023] EWHC 1094 (KB): Assisted Dan McCourt Fritz KC and Andrew Gurr (acting for the defendants) in a strike-out application against a claim for misuse of confidential information.

Assisted Matthew Morrison in an unfair prejudice petition.

Assisted Sophie Holcombe in advising on the disposal of unidentified funds held on trust by a company for untraceable customers.

Private Client Trusts and Probate

Bond v Bond [2023]: Assisted Harry Martin in a contentious probate dispute concerning the ownership of shares in a successful family business.

Assisted Matthew Morrison in a claim for the rectification of a will.

Commercial Litigation

Município de Mariana and Others v BHP Group Plc and BHP Group Ltd (ongoing): Acting for 700,000 Brazilian claimants (including municipalities, individuals, businesses, religious institutions, indigenous peoples and utilities) in the largest group action litigation in English legal history following the collapse of the Fundão dam in 2015, which remains one of the worst environmental disaster in Brazilian history.

Bayleaf Facilities Management v Waterstones Booksellers (2023): Assisted Max Marenbon (acting for the Claimant) on proceedings brought by a supplier against a national chain of bookstores for recovery of unpaid fees.

Assisted Dan McCourt Fritz KC on a dispute relating to the construction of a sale and purchase agreement.

Civil Fraud

Carey Street Investments Ltd (In Liquidation) and Another v Brown [2023] EWHC 968 (Ch): Assisted Hugh Norbury KC

and Dan McCourt Fritz KC in successfully defending a claim brought against an ex-director for breach of trust following a six-day trial.

Insolvency

Hunt v Ubhi [2023] EWCA Civ 417: Assisted John Machell KC and Dan McCourt Fritz KC in a successful appeal to the Court of Appeal, representing the Defendant, to dismiss a freezing order originally obtained by the provisional liquidator of an insolvent partnership.

Re Bulb Energy Ltd [2022] EWHC 3105 (Ch): Assisted Jonathan Adkin KC and Matthew Morrison in British Gas' opposition to the application by the joint liquidators of Bulb Energy Ltd for the High Court to appoint an effective time for the transfer of Bulb's energy business to the Octopus.

Assisted Matthew Morrison in a claim brought against a director of an insolvent company for unauthorised payments.

Intellectual Property

EasyGroup Limited v Nuclei Limited and Others [2022] EWHC 901 (Ch): Assisted Stephanie Wickenden in the ongoing appeal to the Court of Appeal in a claim for trade mark infringement brought by easyGroup.

EasyGroup Limited v EasyLive (Services) Limited and Others [2022] EWHC 3327 (Ch): Assisted Michael Edenborough KC and Stephanie Wickenden in successfully resisting an application for permission to appeal in a trade mark and passing off dispute.

Assisted Stephanie Wickenden in UK IPO trade mark opposition hearings.

Assisted Stephanie Wickenden in a variety of trade mark and copyright disputes in the High Court and IPEC.

Charities

Assisted Jonathan Fowles in advising a charity connected to a religious institution on amending its objects.

Publications

[*"Directors' duties: where does an executive director stand in relation to their duties while on garden leave"*](#), Practical Law, 30 November 2022. Co-authored with Matthew Morrison.

"Unjust enrichment, what's liquidated", New Law Journal, Vol. 173, January 2023. Co-authored with Wilson Leung

Scholarships and Prizes

Academic Scholar, Pembroke College, Oxford

Gibbs Prize in History, University of Oxford

Joan Thirsk Prize, University of Oxford (awarded for the best thesis in pre-modern history)

Education & Qualifications

Pembroke College, Oxford: BA, History and Politics (First Class)

BPP University: GDL (Distinction), LPC (Distinction)
