
Constantine Fraser

Barrister
Call 2022



Scope of Practice

• Arbitration • Banking & Finance • Commercial Litigation • Civil Fraud • Competition • Company and Insolvency • Group Actions • Energy and Natural Resources • Injunctions • Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws • Public Law • Regulatory

Overview

Constantine acts across the full range of commercial disputes. He is currently instructed on a large fraud case and in a high-profile claim under s.423 Insolvency Act 1986. He also welcomes instructions as sole counsel, and has appeared unled in the Circuit Commercial Court and the Insolvency and Companies Court.

Notable current and recent instructions include:

- *Invest Bank v El-Husseini*: acted (with Niranjan Venkatesan) for the defendants in numerous interlocutories and at the 4-week Commercial Court trial of this claim, brought under s.423 Insolvency Act 1986. The case has generated a number of important judgments on issues of procedure, including in relation to freezing undertakings ([2023] EWHC 3350 (Comm)), disclosure ([2024] EWHC 996 (Comm)), amendment applications ([2024] EWHC 1235 (Comm)), and notices to prove ([2024] EWHC 1804 (Comm)).
 - *Jinxin v Aser*: acting (with Simon Colton KC and Daniel Benedyk) for the defendants in a Commercial Court claim for deceit and conspiracy worth over \$600 million, relating to alleged bribery, corruption and anti-competitive practices in the acquisition of Italian Serie A and FIFA World Cup media rights. The claim is listed for trial in 2025.
 - *Havant Biogas v Ofgem*: acted (with Thomas Sharpe KC) for the claimants in TCC proceedings for just satisfaction for breach of Article 1 Protocol 1 ECHR, following the defendant's unlawful withholding of biomethane subsidies.
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Education

Bar Vocational Studies (Distinction), City, University of London [2021]-[2022]

Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction, Joint Top of Cohort), City, University of London [2020]-[2021]

- 3 Verulam Buildings Prize for best result on GDL (joint)
- Falcon Chambers Prize for best result in Land Law

MSc in Political Theory (Distinction, Second in Cohort), London School of Economics [part-time 2015-2017]

- LSE Political Theory Proxime Accessit Prize

BA in Philosophy and Modern Greek, Jesus College, Oxford (First, Top of Cohort in both subjects) [2011-2015]

- Oxford University Gibbs Prize in Philosophy [2015]
 - Edwyn Charles Hart Prize [2013]
 - Jesus College Open Scholarship [2012-2015]
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Selected Other Awards and Prizes

Inner Temple Exhibition [2020-2022]

City Law School Scholarship for Academic Excellence [2020-2022]

Winner, Inner Temple Inter-Varsity Moot [2021]

Runner-up, Maitland Advocacy Prize [2020]

Languages

French (fluent)

Italian (advanced)

Awards



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