

Ali Zaidi

Partner

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Ali Zaidi is a partner and Head of Litigation and Restructuring & Insolvency and has worked on several high profile Insolvency cases including multi-million pound bankruptcy and corporate Ponzi frauds.

He has experience in asset tracing abroad, pursuing and defending claims of misfeasance involving directors, conducting Insolvency Act examinations, advising on asset avoidance schemes, pursuing directors personally for breach of fiduciary duties and defending directors in disqualification proceedings.

He also has extensive experience of commercial litigation matters ranging from fraud investigations to partnership and shareholder disputes.

He is a past member of the Disciplinary and Regulatory Committee of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. He regularly lectures to groups of Insolvency Practitioners and Chartered Accountants and is a past Law Society Committee Member.

Experience

- Acting for the Trustee in the bankruptcy of three debtors who together operated an illegal pyramid scheme called Planline. The matter involved undertaking detailed examinations of numerous antecedent transactions to place assets out of reach of creditors, pursuing investigations to recover assets in Italy, the Baltics and Switzerland and working closely with the Financial Services Authority (FSA – now the FCA) and Serious Fraud Office (SFO).
- Acting for the Liquidators of a multimillion pound land banking scheme, which misled investors about the true investment value and the expectation of future development of the sites. This matter involves hundreds of creditors in which the Liquidators are seeking to recover several million pounds and is being pursued in close co-operation with the FCA.
- Acting for office holders in the Administration followed by Liquidation of a currency exchange company where allegations of breach of fiduciary duty and wrongful trading are being investigated against the former directors. In addition, various trust claims regarding the deposit of foreign currencies and the operation of various bank accounts are being investigated possibly culminating in claims against the Company's former bankers.

Expertise

- [Restructuring & Insolvency: Overview](#)
- Administrations and Receiverships
- Civil Fraud
- Confiscation and Restraint Proceedings
- Director Disqualification Proceedings

- Individual and Company Voluntary Arrangements
- LPA Receiverships
- Restructuring processes

Credentials

- Ranked in Chambers UK 2024
- Recommended in The Legal 500 UK 2024
- Former Chairman of the London Executive Committee of a charity called Mosaic, part of the Princes Trust

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