

Thomas Johnson

Barrister - Partner

Commercial Disputes & Class Actions



Thomas is a Barrister in the Commercial Disputes & Class Actions team. He became a Partner in April 2023.

His practice spans all aspects of commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution. Thomas has particular experience in high value fraud cases, finance disputes, and company law. He has appeared in the County Court, High Court, Chancery Appeals, and the Grand Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).

Thomas read law at undergraduate and obtained a Master's from King's College London (Distinction and top of year), receiving the Dickson Poon School of Law Prize. He was admitted to the Roll as a Solicitor in 2013, and later Called to the Bar as a Barrister by Lincoln's Inn. Thomas has also completed his judicial work shadowing scheme sitting in the Chancery Division in 2018.

Thomas is regulated by the Bar Standards Board.



Experience

- *Khan v Burke* [2023] EWHC 534 (Ch) 10 – acting and appearing as counsel in the High Court, obtaining permission to appeal on an issue arising out of compliance with unless orders. This case is now cited in the White Book 2023.
- *Fenix International Ltd v Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs* (Case C-695/20) – acting and appearing for Only Fans (the social media platform) on the question of liability for VAT in respect of payments made by customers to creators.
- *Upham & Others v HSBC UK Bank PLC (Eclipse Litigation)* (Commercial Court, ongoing) – acting and appearing as counsel for the claimant group in a £1.3 billion claim in deceit, conspiracy and dishonest assistance against HSBC for its part in structuring partnerships to invest in Disney films.
- *Carmo v Raciol* (Business List (ChD), ongoing) – acting for a claimant seeking specific performance arising from the defendant's breach of a share purchase agreement and use of associated intellectual property rights.
- *Richards v Harvey* [2021] EWHC 21 (Ch) – acting for the claimant in a claim for breach of agreement arising from a complex luxury hotel development in Barbados..
- *Maugham v Uber London Ltd* [2019] EWHC 391 (Ch) – instructed to obtain a declaration that Uber ought to provide Jolyon Maugham QC with a VAT invoice in relation to the supply of transport services.
- *Rogachev v Goryainov* [2019] EWHC 1529 (QB) – acting in a dispute as to the nature and extent of the parties' business relationship and the ownership of certain assets, particularly

a number of market sites in Moscow.

- *Investors v Clydesdale Financial Services (Barclays Partner Finance)* (Business List (ChD), ongoing) – acting for a claimant group arising from the mis-selling of timeshares and pursuing claims for misrepresentation and under consumer credit legislation.
- *Total Project Integrated v United Learning Trust*(Commercial Court) – advising a trust on its defence to a breach of confidence claim quantified at c£27 million.
- *R (Miller) v The Prime Minister* (Admin Court (QB)) – acting for claimants arising from the Prime Minister’s prorogation of Parliament which was said to violate the applicants’ A10 rights.
- *Royal Opera House Covent Garden Foundation v HMRC* [2021] EWCA Civ 910) – acting for the charity in respect of its ability to recover VAT input tax associated with the costs of staging productions.

Expertise

- [Class Action Litigation: Overview](#)
- Chancery Commercial
- Banking & Finance
- [Commercial Dispute Resolution](#)
- Company
- [Fraud: Civil](#)

Credentials

- Recognised as a ‘Next Generation Partner’ in Legal 500 UK 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 UK 2022 for Commercial Litigation and Civil Fraud
- Winner of the Dickson Poon School of Law Best in Year Prize at King’s College
- Member of the Commercial Bar Association
- Panel Member of Advocate (Bar Pro Bono)
- Completed Advocate’s 25 for 25: The Pro Bono Challenge

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