

Mohammed Zaman KC

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"Mohammed is very tenacious, hard-working and very commercial." "Mohammed is an outstanding advocate. He is vastly experienced and leaves no stone unturned in his preparation. Mohammed is creative, persuasive and ruthless in cross-examination. He has a clear idea of his tactics and brings an intellectual precision to every matter he is instructed on. He also has excellent client care skills." "Mohammed is a top-class negotiator."

Chambers UK 2023 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)



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Expertise

Business & Property

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Arbitration

Mohammed is a Registered Practitioner in the DIFC Court Dubai and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is has advised on ICSID and commercial international arbitrations in the Middle East and South Asia.

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Banking, Finance & Financial Regulation

The primary focus of Mohammed's banking and finance work is twofold: claims involving civil fraud in lending facilities and securities (including fraudulent abuse of invoice discounting facilities); and the enforceability and construction of guarantees and indemnities.

Civil Fraud

Mohammed has substantial experience in complex cases and civil fraud (which includes bringing applications for, or seeking discharge of, freezing injunctions). Many of his cases arise in the context of claims against directors, partners and former senior employees; and in fraudulent borrowing and securities facilities. He has appeared in many 'heavy' injunction applications and trials involving allegations of fraud and conspiracy.

Company & Partnership

Mohammed's company law work primarily focuses on shareholder disputes (unfair prejudice petitions), just and equitable winding up and derivative claims) and claims against directors for breaches of duty and civil fraud. His experience in these aspects of company law means that he often appears for directors in disqualification proceedings brought by the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills. He also advises on the regulatory aspects arising out of investigations by Companies Investigation Branch of alleged serious corporate abuse; and enforcement actions by the Office of Fair Trading. There is an overlap between Mohammed's company law practice (unfair prejudice of minority shareholders) and his partnership law practice. He has acted on matters ranging from pre-emptive applications for injunctions to restrain expulsion; to trials involving disputes as to the existence of the partnership; to dissolution and the taking of accounts.

Commercial Litigation

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Insolvency

There is an overlap between Mohammed's company law and insolvency practice in areas such as directors' duties and directors' disqualification proceedings. He has on many occasions advised and appeared on strike-out applications of abusive winding up petitions; on applications to restrain the presentation of petitions; on issues of construction of the Insolvency Rules; in defending or asserting proprietary and trust claims; in retention of title claims, as well as appearing for and against directors and connected parties in the usual claims arising on insolvency.

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Insurance Disputes

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Joint Venture & Shareholder Disputes

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Mediation

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Offshore & Cross Border

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Professional Negligence

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