

## Richard Hill

Called: 1993



### Areas of Practice

Richard Hill is a litigation specialist with substantial trial experience. In addition to his High Court practice he appears in international arbitrations and before Financial Services regulatory tribunals. Richard Hill is regularly instructed in large-scale litigation both on his own and with leading silks at the commercial Bar. He has particular experience in city-based litigation, and of conducting litigation for and against Government Departments.

Junior Counsel to the Crown (A Panel)

### Recommendations in Directories

#### Chambers & Partners (2008 and 2009 Editions):

Star of the Bar (Ranked in 7 Practice Areas) – Leading Junior in the following areas:

Commercial Dispute Resolution: "... *"Class act" Richard Hill is rapidly making a name for himself in commercial litigation circles through a high powered case load.*"

Company: "*An excellent litigator with real ability*"... "*...is the junior of choice for some of the top silks in the company field.*"

Commercial Chancery: "... *the ideal junior for a silk to have – he's hard-working, very bright and a good team player*". As a "*punchy and fearless advocate*" he is also more than capable of holding his own in court, and "*is among a handful of juniors to watch at the present time.*"

Banking: "... a "*classy operator in court and an extremely hard worker*"., One source stated that "*if you want strong advice and speedy delivery, he is the man to call.*"

Fraud: "*Richard Hill's "cleverness and creativeness" was underlined by market sources.*"

Insolvency: "...comes highly recommended as "*a good technical, analytical lawyer who can get to the bottom of things.*"

#### Legal 500 (2008 and 2009 Editions)

Company: "...seen as "*a truly excellent junior*" "*excellent and both solicitor and client friendly*"

### Cases Of Interest

*Re Lehman Brothers International Europe* (2010): successfully representing the Appellants in the Lehman client money appeal;

*Re Golden Key* (2009): successfully representing the "short" noteholders of an insolvent SIV at both first instance and on appeal;

*Sinclair v Versailles Trade Finance Ltd* (2010): successfully represented the Claimant in this leading recent case involving competing priorities and tracing claims in a receivership;

*Benedetti v Sawiris* (2008-2010): large-scale commercial litigation arising out of the acquisition of a telecommunications company.

Numerous international arbitrations (2005-2010), including LCIA, ICC, UNCITRAL, with seats both in London and other jurisdictions.

*Abeles v Equitable Life Assurance Society* (2005-7): Representing ELAS in defence of a substantial class action brought by a group of policy-holders

*Shell West Manzala v Centurion Petroleum* (2008-2010): successfully represented the respondent in an arbitration and subsequent litigation arising from the termination of an oil and gas farm-in agreement.

*Gallaher International Limited v Tlais Enterprises Ltd* (2005-7): Acted as lead Counsel for the defendant in a 4-month witness action in the Commercial Court in 2007

*Pershing Securities Ltd v Eagle & Ors* (2004-6): Junior for the Claimant in a substantial market-abuse claim

*Re BCCI: Morris v Bank of America National Savings Association & Ors* (2000-2004): Junior for Bank of America in large-scale litigation brought by the liquidators of BCCI

*Re Barings Plc* (2002): Junior for the bondholders and the bond trustee Restructurings include: British Energy (for the bondholders); Marconi (for the bond trustee); TXU (for the bondholders).

*Market Wizard Systems (UK) Ltd* [1998] 2 BCLC 282 Acting for DTI in public interest winding up of a company giving unauthorised investment advice by means of an options trading program;

*Dawnay Day & Co. Ltd v De Braconier D'Alphen* [1997] IRLR 442, The Times June 24th 1997, 94(26) LSG 30, (1997) 141 SJLB 129. Enforceability of covenants in restraint of trade in Eurobond brokers' shareholders agreement and employment contracts / directors duties;

*Ispahani v Bank Melli Iran* (CA) The Times, December 29th 1997 Conflict of laws/public policy/banking: Whether a

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- Company
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Insolvency (including restructurings and bondholder actions)
- Banking
- Corporate Fraud and Asset Recovery
- Financial Services

banking contract is enforceable where performance involves acts in England which are illegal by the law of the Plaintiff's place of residence.

## Publications

Contributor to OUP's *Annotated Companies Acts*

## Professional

Member of the Commercial Bar Association, Chancery Bar Association.



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