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Richard Hill
BA (Cantab) (1st class hons)

Called: 1993

Areas of Practice

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

Richard Hill is a litigation specialist with substantial trial experience. In addition to his High Court practice he appears in 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 Edition):

Star of the Bar (Ranked in 7 Practice Areas) – one of only three Juniors to be ranked in this category. 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 Edition)

Company: “...seen as “a truly excellent junior” “excellent and both solicitor and client friendly”

Civil fraud

Insolvency

Cases of Interest

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

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

LCIA Arbitration (2005-7): Acting as Junior in a substantial commercial arbitration involving a joint venture in the Ukrainian energy sector.

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

Professional

Member of the Commercial Bar Association, Chancery Bar Association.

Publications

Contributor to OUP's *Annotated Companies Acts*