

Biography



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Expertise

Litigation & Insolvency, Trusts & Private Client Litigation

Francesca Gibbons is a partner in our Litigation and Insolvency practice in London, practising BVI law, having 14 years' experience of commercial litigation in a range of industries.

Francesca specialises in complex and high value international commercial litigation and asset recovery including shareholder claims, fraud and trust litigation. She acts for a wide range of clients, including global and boutique law firms, IPs and ultra-high-net-worth individuals from around the world.

Before joining us in 2015, Francesca was a banking and finance litigation solicitor for MAB LLP (acquired by Dentons UKMEA LLP) and Simmons & Simmons LLP in the UK. She has also undertaken three successful client secondments at Barclays Bank PLC in London.

Francesca is called to the BVI bar and has appeared as sole advocate in the Commercial Court of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and as a junior in the Privy Council.

Francesca is a trusts litigation expert and was committee member of the Contentious Trusts Association (ConTrA) for six years. Other memberships include the ILA, CFLA, IWIRC, and RISA (associate member). Francesca has also been a member of our CSR committee since 2016.

Francesca is a regular contributor to our Offshore Litigation Blog and podcasts.

Recommendations

Sources say Francesca is "hard-working and diligent with a solicitor's experience, organisation and skills. It's clear that, throughout a matter's life, Francesca keeps the client's desired outcome very much in focus. Her promotion to partnership was well deserved as it seems that the London office has been reliant on her for a long time."

- Legal 500, 2023

Francesca is recognised as a global leader in the Asset Recovery guide.

- Who's Who Legal 2023

Experience

Francesca has vast experience of shareholder disputes, insolvency, enforcement and commercial litigation matters, including the following recent examples:

Acting as lead partner in US\$2 billion shareholders' and insolvency dispute spanning four BVI actions, including Court of Appeal proceedings.

Acting as lead in oil commodities shareholders' and insolvency dispute up to trial.

Acting as lead in Iraqi telecoms shareholders' dispute including managing a counterclaim of over US\$100 million.

Leading teams in multimillion dollar enforcement actions.

Providing expert witness evidence for the Swiss Courts.

Bar Admissions

British Virgin Islands
2015

England and Wales (not practising)
2009

Education

College of Law (LPC)
2007

University of East Anglia and Lunds Universitet (LLB)
2005

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