

JONATHAN WARD

Year of call: 2007

Clerked by: Avais Saleem Harry Young

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Technology and Construction Arbitration Commercial Litigation
Insurance Professional Negligence Other Areas



Other Areas

Jonathan has been instructed by various national and international banking organisations on a variety of matters, including disputes on guarantees and indemnities, bills of exchange, hire purchase agreements, mortgages, and hedge fund disputes. Jonathan has been published in *The Hedge Fund Journal*.

He has a broad experience of shareholder disputes, including international matters; unfair prejudice, just and equitable winding up; ex parte injunctions for freezing orders and appointment of receivers. Jonathan spent two years (2013-2015) at one of the leading offshore law firms, as in-house counsel in the British Virgin Islands. He developed expertise in private international law across a range of cross-border disputes, with an emphasis on shareholder and fraud work. He acted for the liquidators and provisional liquidators of, amongst other things, international hotel chains and airlines; appeared weekly in the BVI Commercial Court as sole counsel, often on heavy applications, and appeared regularly in the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal (including the successful appeal on a significant BVI case on *forum non conveniens*).

Profile

Jonathan's practice encompasses technology and construction disputes, as well as general commercial matters, particularly those with a technical or scientific aspect. He has appeared as sole counsel in multi-day trials and heavy applications in the High Court; has regularly appeared in arbitrations and adjudications and upon the enforcement of resulting awards, both at home and abroad; and has served as part of a counsel team in several multi-week trials, both in the English High Court and in the Commercial Court of the British Virgin Islands.

Year of Call: 2007 (England); 2013 (British Virgin Islands)

Areas of Expertise

Arbitration

Commercial Litigation

Insurance

Other Areas

Professional Negligence

Technology and Construction

Recent cases:

Keystone Healthcare Ltd & Anor v Parr & Others - [2018] EWHC 1509 (Ch) M Davenport Builders Ltd v Greer & Anor - [2019] EWHC 318 (TCC)

Amey LG Ltd v Cumbria County Council - [2016] EWHC 2856 (TCC) Company A v Company B (arbitration business) - [2017] EWHC 2319 (QB)

A One Distributon Ltd v Rotronic Instruments (UK) Ltd - [2017] EWHC 1813 (TCC) Dynniq UK Ltd v Lancashire County Council - [2017] EWHC 3173 (TCC)

Bodycote Heat Treatments Ltd v Vacuum and Atmosphere Services Ltd - [2021] EWHC 579 (QB)

Several arbitration matters, including construction, finance, technical and manufacturing disputes, general commercial disputes, and sports disputes (financial fair play in football)

Memberships

Society of Computers and Law

TECBAR

Society of Construction Law

Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association British Irish Bar Association

Co-opted member of the TECBAR committee

Committee of the Manchester BPC Forum (TCC)

Qualifications

BVC (Outstanding, Northumbria)

GDL (Distinction, Northumbria)

BA (Class I, Birmingham)

Recommendations

Legal 500 2015 (British Virgin Islands): "First rate intellect"

Chambers and Partners 2014 (UK): "very thorough and user-friendly"

Chambers and Partners 2013 (UK): "Tipped by market sources as an up-and-comer to watch. He has a broad commercial practice."