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Barrister
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Scope of Practice

• Appeals • Civil Fraud • Commercial • Company, Joint Ventures and Insolvency law • Group Litigation • Sports Law • Injunctions • Arbitration

Overview

Pranay has a broad practice, accepting instructions across the full range of Chambers' practice areas, with a particular interest in civil fraud, banking and finance disputes, and appellate litigation. He also has experience in sports law, having worked on a range of disputes involving breaches of the Premier League Rules, International Transfer Agreements, and commercial ventures between sports leagues. Pranay has appeared unled in the High Court and County Court.

Pranay was previously an Associate at Allens, a leading Australian law firm, where he worked on various group actions involving the Australian analogues of sections 90 and 90A of the FSMA and regulatory investigations. He was also a Judicial Assistant at the NSW Supreme Court, where he worked on close to 50 commercial cases.

Prior to joining the bar, Pranay graduated from the Bachelor of Laws at the University of Sydney with First Class Honours, and from the Bachelor of Civil Law at the University of Oxford with a Distinction overall, and in each of his papers. At Oxford, he was also awarded the Peter Birks Prize for ranking first in his cohort in Restitution of Unjust Enrichment.

Examples of Recent Cases

Instructions as Sole Counsel

- Smart Outdoor Media Limited v Webster – High Court proceedings concerning a breach of confidence claim between a company and its former employee.

- Oury Clark Solicitors v Love – County Court intermediate track proceedings concerning the recovery of fees due under a service agreement.

- Quinn v Vita (Sheff) Operating Company – County Court application to set aside default judgment and strike out claim.

- Azzuro Associates v Ullah – County Court application for the finalisation of a charging order and relief under section 423 of the Insolvency Act.

- Azzuro Associates v Kumanan – County Court application for payment of judgment by instalments.

- Confidential Breach of Confidence Advice – instructed as sole counsel advising a company in relation to breach of confidence, and breach of restrictive covenants by its former senior employee.

Appeals

- Smart Outdoor Media Limited v Webster – instructed as sole counsel on permission to appeal application concerning the scope of injunctive relief in relation to breaches of confidence claims against former employees.

- Byers v Ningning – appeal before the Privy Council concerning equitable compensation for a breach of directors' *Sequana* duties to creditors (assisting Niranjan Venkatesan KC during pupillage).

- Aviator LLC v Stribe– appeal before the Court of Appeal concerning the appropriate choice of law rules applicable to issue estoppel (assisting Sam O'Leary during pupillage).

- Kuvera Properties Pte Ltd v Far East Opus Pte Ltd [2026] SGCA 34 – appeal before the Singapore Court of Appeal concerning the application of limitation periods to claims for misrepresentation (assisting Steven Elliott KC during pupillage).

Civil Fraud

- Smart Outdoor Media Limited v Webster–High Court proceedings concerning alleged breach of confidence and fiduciary duties by a company's former employees (instructed unled).

- AirX v May – High Court proceedings against a company's former employee for alleged breach of confidence (assisting Richard Mott KC during pupillage.

- Crane Bank v DFCU Bank – High Court Proceedings in a high-value Commercial Court conspiracy claim in which it is alleged that several defendants conspired with the Bank of Uganda in order to procure the "resolution" and sale at an undervalue of the assets and liabilities of one of Uganda's leading financial institutions (assisting Ben Zelenka Martin during pupillage).

- Confidential Breach of Confidence Advice – advising a company in relation to breaches of confidence and restrictive covenants by its former employee, and tortious claims against competitors (with Joshua Crow).

- Confidential Breach of Confidence Advice – advising a company in relation to potential breach of

confidence, and breach of restrictive covenants of its former senior employee (instructed as sole counsel).

Commercial

- Varanium Focus Fund v Nomura International Plc – High Court proceedings concerning the scope of *Braganza* duties in a swaps agreement (assisting Sandy Phipps during pupillage).

- Cleveland Cable Company v Seval Kablo – High Court proceedings for breach of contract arising from alleged defects in a contract for the supply of industrial cables (assisting Sandy Phipps during pupillage).

- Oury Clark Solicitors v Love – County Court proceedings concerning recovery of fees due under a services agreement (instructed unled).

- Confidential Breach of Contract Advice – advising a company on the termination of a multi-billion-pound manufacturing agreement (with Sonia Tolaney KC).

- Confidential Professional Negligence Mediation – concerning a professional negligence claim brought against a firm of auditors (with Sonia Tolaney KC).

Company, Joint Ventures and Insolvency law

- Unfair Prejudice Petition – High Court unfair prejudice petition and breach of contract claim against a golf club arising from the purported expulsion of certain members (with Joshua Crow).

Group Actions

- Various Claimants v Glencore Plc & Ors – High Court proceedings involving market-leading shareholder class action against Glencore Plc. The claims centre on allegations of (in some cases, admitted) unlawful conduct by Glencore's subsidiaries in multiple countries around the globe, and alleged false statements and dishonest non-disclosures to the market by Glencore (assisting Richard Mott KC during pupillage)

- Various Claimants v Boohoo Plc – High Court proceedings involving a claim of over £100 million under s90A FSMA against Boohoo Plc, alleging misleading statements and dishonest non-disclosures to the market in relation to unlawful practices and working conditions in its supply chain (assisting Richard Mott KC during pupillage)

- Various Claimants v British Gas – group action against British Gas in relation to commissions paid to brokers for energy supply contracts (assisting Nathaniel Bird during pupillage).

- Gutmann v Apple Inc – CAT collective opt-out proceedings against Apple in relation to alleged defects in iPhones (assisting Niranjan Venkatesan KC during pupillage).

Sports Law

- Confidential International Transfer Agreement Advice — advice concerning set-off rights under an international transfer agreement between two football clubs (with Daniel Toledano KC).
- Burnley FC v Everton FC — follow-on claim brought against Everton FC for alleged breaches of the Premier League's financial rules (assisting Sonia Tolaney KC and Douglas Paine during pupillage).
- Confidential Joint Venture Agreement Advice — concerning breach of a joint venture agreement between two sports leagues (assisting Nick Sloboda KC during pupillage).
- Golf Club Dispute — unfair prejudice petition and breach of contract claim against a golf club arising out of the purported expulsion of its members (with Joshua Crow).

Scholarships & Awards

- Peter Birks Prize for Restitution of Unjust Enrichment (2025) (University of Oxford)
- JB Watt Travelling Scholarship (2024) (University of Sydney in support of BCL at Oxford)
- Ivan Roberts Scholarship (2024) (University of Sydney in support of BCL at Oxford)
- Walter Reid Memorial Prize for Law Honours (2021) (University of Sydney)
- University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize (2021) (University of Sydney)
- University of Sydney Dean's List of Academic Excellence (2021) (University of Sydney)
- Public Law Prize (2019) (University of Sydney)
- Vice Chancellor's Global Mobility Scholarship (2018) (University of Sydney)

Publications

- P Jha 'Equitable compensation for distress in commercial contexts' (2025) 50(2) Monash University Law Review 1.
- P Jha and H Higgins 'Problems with universal characterisations: the nature of third-party liability for breach of confidence and its remedial significance' (2024) 98 Australian Law Journal 763
- P Jha 'A Clearer Accounts Rule: Challenging the Inflexible Application of the Clear Accounts Rule' (2024) 47(3) Melbourne University Law Review 635.
- P Jha and A Zheng 'Constructive Notice and Passive Retention Scenarios in Unconscionable Conduct Cases' (2023) 37(1) Commercial Law Quarterly 4

Previous Employment

- Allens, Associate (Commercial Disputes), 2022-2024

- NSW Supreme Court, Tipstaff (Judicial Assistant), 2023
- University of Sydney, Sessional Academic, 2023

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