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Constantine Fraser

Barrister
Call 2022

Scope of Practice

• Arbitration • Banking & Finance • Commercial Litigation • Civil Fraud • Competition • Company and Insolvency • Group Actions • Energy and Natural Resources • Injunctions • Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws • Media, Entertainment and Broadcasting • Professional Liability • Public Law • Regulatory

Overview

Constantine acts across the full range of commercial disputes, with particular experience in civil fraud and contentious insolvency.

Notable recent cases include:

- *Jinxin v Aser* [2026] EWHC 765 (Comm): acted (with Simon Colton KC and Daniel Benedyk) for the successful defendants in a $660m deceit claim, arising from allegations of historic bribery, corruption and anti-competitive practices in the acquisition of Italian Serie A and FIFA World Cup media rights. The case was one of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases for 2025, and among the largest M&A fraud claims to have been litigated in the English courts.
- *Invest Bank v El-Husseini* [2024] EWHC 2976 (Comm): acted (with Niranjan Venkatesan KC) for the successful defendants in a hard-fought claim under s.423 Insolvency Act 1986. The case gave rise to numerous interlocutory decisions, including in relation to freezing undertakings ([2023] EWHC 3350 (Comm)), disclosure ([2024] EWHC 996 (Comm)), amendments and limitation ([2024] EWHC 1235 (Comm)), and challenges to the authenticity of evidence ([2024] EWHC 1804 (Comm)).
- *TAQA Bratani v Fujairah Oil and Gas*: acting (with David Allison KC and Niranjan Venkatesan KC) in a claim under sections 238 and 423 Insolvency Act 1986 arising out of an oil and gas joint venture.
- *Aberdeen City Council v Hermes*: acting (with Steven Elliott KC and Ben Zelenka Martin) for the claimant in a high-value dispute with an investment management group alleging negligence in the acquisition of a stake in an onshore wind portfolio. The claim is brought in part on a derivative basis on behalf of a limited partnership against its manager.
- *GBG v BDO*: acting (with Rhodri Davies KC) in an audit negligence claim against a major professional services firm arising from the collapse of an insurance provider following the discovery of misstatements in its financial statements.
- *Re a Retail Company*: acting (as sole counsel) for the liquidator of a company belonging to a high street retail group, in a dispute with former directors and other group companies arising from up to £12m in allegedly backdated or undervalue transactions.
- *Havant Biogas v Ofgem*: acted (with Thomas Sharpe KC) for the claimants in TCC proceedings for damages for breach of Article 1 Protocol 1 ECHR, following the defendant's unlawful withholding of biomethane subsidies.

Before coming to the Bar, Constantine covered European political economy for a leading financial markets forecasting company.

Education

Bar Vocational Studies (Distinction), City, University of London [2021]-[2022]

Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction, Joint Top of Cohort), City, University of London [2020]-[2021]
3 Verulam Buildings Prize for best result on GDL (joint)
Falcon Chambers Prize for best result in Land Law

MSc in Political Theory (Distinction, Second in Cohort), London School of Economics [part-time 2015-2017]
LSE Political Theory Proxime Accessit Prize

BA in Philosophy and Modern Greek, Jesus College, Oxford (First, Top of Cohort in both subjects) [2011-2015]

Oxford University Gibbs Prize in Philosophy [2015]
Edwyn Charles Hart Prize [2013]
Jesus College Open Scholarship [2012-2015]

Selected Other Awards and Prizes

Inner Temple Exhibition [2020-2022]

City Law School Scholarship for Academic Excellence [2020-2022]

Winner, Inner Temple Inter-Varsity Moot [2021]

Runner-up, Maitland Advocacy Prize [2020]

Languages

French (fluent)

Italian (advanced)

Modern Greek (intermediate)

Awards

Chambers TOP RANKED UK Bar 2026 One Essex Court

TOP TIER SET Legal500 UNITED KINGDOM 2026

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