

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. His recent instructions include a high-profile trial under s.423 Insolvency Act 1986 and a fraud claim which featured as one of *The Lawyer's* top 20 cases of 2025. He also welcomes instructions as sole counsel, and has appeared unled in the Commercial Court, the Circuit Commercial Court and the Insolvency and Companies Court.

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

Notable recent cases include:

- ***Jinxin v Aser***: acting (with Simon Colton KC and Daniel Benedyk) for the defendants in a claim for deceit and conspiracy worth over \$600 million, arising from alleged bribery, corruption and anti-competitive practices in the acquisition of Italian Serie A and FIFA World Cup media rights. The trial was featured as one of the *Lawyer's Top 20* cases for 2025, and took place over 11 weeks from June 2025.
- ***Invest Bank v El-Husseini*** [2024] EWHC 2976 (Comm): acted (with Niranjan Venkatesan KC) for the successful defendants in this hard-fought Commercial Court claim brought under s.423 Insolvency Act 1986. Constantine appeared at the 4-week trial in July 2024 and at numerous interlocutories, 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)).
- ***Aberdeen City Council v Hermes***: acting (with Steven Elliott KC and Ben Zelenka Martin) for Aberdeen City Council as administrator of the North East Scotland Pension Fund in a dispute with an investment management group alleging negligence in the acquisition of a stake in an onshore wind portfolio.
- ***TAQA Bratani v Fujairah Oil and Gas***: acting (with David Allison KC and Niranjan Venkatesan KC) in a claim under sections 238 and 423 of the Insolvency Act 1986 arising out of an oil and gas joint venture.

• *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.

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



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