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## Joe Johnson

Barrister

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## Scope of Practice

• Arbitration • Banking and Financial Services • Commercial Litigation • Civil Fraud • Group Litigation • Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws

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## Overview

Joe is building a broad commercial practice across all areas of Chambers' work. His practice covers the full range of commercial litigation, arbitration and advisory work and he has experience in complex, high-value disputes, often with international elements. He is comfortable working in counsel teams of various sizes or alone and has appeared as sole counsel in the County Court.

Joe's current and recent instructions include:

- **Município de Mariana v BHP**  
Acting for BHP in the largest ever group action before the English courts concerning environmental damage in Brazil.
  - **Various Claimants v Glencore & Ors**  
Acting for the claimants in multi-action shareholder claims brought under s90 FSMA.
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- **The Mazda NOx Emissions Litigation**

Defending Mazda in claims concerning alleged breaches of emissions requirements relating to the production of diesel vehicles.

- **NMC Group v (1) Dubai Islamic Bank (2) Noor Bank**

Acting for Dubai Islamic Bank and Noor Bank in a \$400m dispute in the Abu Dhabi Global Markets Courts arising from the NMC Healthcare fraud.

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## Examples of Recent Cases

### Arbitration

- LCIA Arbitration: acting (led by Ewan McQuater KC and David Quest KC) for two leading Middle Eastern banks in a \$500m dispute concerning security arrangements for sharia-compliant financing.
- SIAC Proceedings: assisted Laurence Rabinowitz KC, Nicholas Sloboda and others (during pupillage) with the quantum issues arising out of a dispute between multinational energy groups concerning allegations of deceit/breach of warranty under an SPA.

### Banking and Finance

- Various Claimants v Glencore & Ors: acting (led by Sonia Tolaney KC and Peter de Verneuil Smith KC) for various institutional investors in claims arising out of alleged misstatements and omissions from the defendant's prospectuses.
- Various Claimants v G4S: assisted Simon Colton KC and Emma Jones (during pupillage) acting for G4S. The claims are brought by various institutional investors under s90A FSMA.
- Advisory matter: assisted Orlando Gledhill KC (during pupillage) in providing advice as to the scope of a bank's Quincecare duty.

### Civil Fraud

- Tripipatkul v Opera Finance: assisted David Cavender KC and Alexander Brown (during pupillage) on behalf of the Defendants to this bribery claim, arising in the context of property financing by high net worth individuals.

### Commercial Litigation

- Advisory matter: advising (with Conall Patton KC) a defendant to misuse of private information claims on the operation of s.32(1)(b) of the Limitation Act 1980.
  - Virgin Enterprises v Brightline Holdings: assisted Daniel Toledano QC and Nicholas Sloboda (during pupillage) acting for Virgin Enterprises in preparing for a CCMC in these proceedings and responding to the Defendant's application for Initial Disclosure.
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- Crane Bank Limited v DFCU Bank Limited & ors: assisted Conall Patton KC and Emma Jones (during pupillage) acting for Rabo Partnerships BV. The claims centre on an alleged unlawful means conspiracy between the Bank of Uganda and the Defendants.
- Rasmala Trade Finance Fund v Trafigura Pte: assisted Emma Jones (during pupillage) in relation to a claim for repayment of funds advanced allegedly as a result of fraudulent conduct by a third party.
- Ocado Group Plc v McKeeve: assisted David Cavender KC and Alexander Brown (during pupillage) with committal proceedings arising out of interference by a senior solicitor with a search order which had been obtained in support of proceedings involving claims of conspiracy and misuse of confidential information: see [2022] EWHC 2079 (Ch).
- Advisory matter: assisted Alexander Brown (during pupillage) in advising a hotel operator as to the prospects of terminating its Hotel Management Agreement following repudiatory breach by the hotel owner.
- Advisory matter: assisted Alexander Brown (during pupillage) in advising a leading chain of casinos as to the scope and application of its anti-money laundering obligations.
- Struckton Rolling Stock BV v Vivarail: assisted Alexander Brown (during pupillage) in commencing these proceedings for payment of a debt in relation to the supply of rail goods and services.
- United House Group Holdings Ltd v Telford Homes: assisted Alexander Brown (during pupillage) acting for the Defendant to this claim for a declaration as to the meaning of an SPA, alternatively for rectification of that SPA. These proceedings arose in the context of a property development in Finsbury Park.
- Advisory matter: assisted Sa'ad Hossain QC (during pupillage) in advising the insurers of a leading aerospace engineering company on issues surrounding subrogated claims, limitation, and forum.

## Company

- Advisory matter: advising (with Sa'ad Hossain KC) a property development company as to the duties of their nominated directors of a joint venture, including the avoidance of conflicts of interest.

## Group Litigation

- The Mazda Nox Emissions Litigation: acting (led by Stephen Auld KC) for Mazda in claims concerning alleged breaches of emissions requirements relating to the production of diesel vehicles.
- The Volkswagen Emissions group litigation: Assisted Nicholas Sloboda and others (during pupillage) acting for the Volkswagen Group with a strike-out application in the context largest ever Group Litigation Order (around 100,000 claimants).
- Andres Fernando Bravo v Amerisur Resources: assisted Nicholas Sloboda (during pupillage) acting for Amerisur Resources in the trial of a preliminary issue as to the applicability of foreign limitation periods in the English court

## Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws

- The Amerisur Putumayo Group Litigation: assisted Nicholas Sloboda (during pupillage) acting for Amerisur Resources in the trial of a preliminary issue as to the applicability of foreign limitation periods in the English courts.

- Advisory matter: assisted Simon Colton KC (during pupillage) in advising a Jersey Company as to its prospects of bringing protective English proceedings in order to pre-empt anticipated foreign proceedings against its directors.
  - Advisory matter: assisted Sa'ad Hossain KC (during pupillage) in advising the insurers of a leading aerospace engineering company on issues surrounding subrogated claims, limitation, and forum.
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## Academic qualifications

- Non-stipendiary tutor in Constitutional Law, The Queen's College [2019-2020]
  - BPP University, Barrister Training Course (Very Competent) [2020-2021]
  - University of Oxford, Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) [2018-2019]
  - University of Oxford, BA Jurisprudence (First) [2015-2018]
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## Awards and prizes

- BTC Excellence Scholarship, BPP University (2020)
  - Terence Etherton Scholarship, Middle Temple (2019)
  - Honoré Scholarship, The Queen's College (2018)
  - Mander Law Prize, The Queen's College (2018)
  - Michel Scholarship, The Queen's College (2017)
  - Michel Junior Scholarship, The Queen's College (2016)
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## Awards



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