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Scope of Practice

• Agency • Arbitration • Asset Tracing and Recovery • Banking and Financial Services • Breach of Trust • Breach of Warranty • Civil Fraud and Investigations • Economic Torts • Energy and Natural Resources • Guarantees • Injunctive Relief • Professional Liability • Sale of Goods and Supply of Goods and Services • Equity • Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws

Overview

Nehali Shah KC has extensive experience of complex and high-value commercial litigation and international arbitration. She has appeared at all levels in the English Courts, and in a variety of other Tribunals, arbitral and regulatory, and in expert determination. Nehali's core practice areas include banking, financial services and restructuring, energy, civil fraud, and jurisdiction and enforcement.

Nehali is described in the directories as *"an absolute superstar"*, who is *"highly persuasive as an advocate"*, *"a game changer"*, *"fearsomely bright"*, and as someone who *"stands out in a room of legal heavyweights"*. Nehali was highlighted in an article in Legal Business *'The silk class of 2026: ten names to note'*, which picked out "ten notable names" from the 2026 silk appointments. She was one of only six silks profiled in an article in The Lawyer: *'Silks Day 2026: Meet the stars from The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases'*.

Nehali was also recognised in The Lawyer's Hot 100, noting that she is *'FTSE companies' most coveted adviser. She has been instructed more in the past two years by the top 100 UK companies than any other'*. Nehali is recommended in Who's Who Legal Litigation as a Future Leader. In 2016, Nehali was named as one of Legal Week's 'Stars at the Bar', profiling ten of the most promising barristers of 10 years and under, which noted that one leader said *'I would not be surprised if one day she were to emerge as a Supreme Court Justice – she's that good'*.

Nehali won International Arbitration Silk of the Year 2026. Prior to taking silk, Nehali was Band 1 Ranked (Chambers & Partners) in 4 practice areas. She won Banking & Finance Junior of the year at the Chambers Bar Awards 2023 and International Arbitration Junior of the Year at the Chambers Bar Awards 2019, having also been nominated for Banking Junior of the year in 2022 and 2019, Commercial Litigation Junior of the Year in 2022 and 2018, Energy Junior of the Year in 2025 and International Arbitration Junior of the Year in 2025.

Some of Nehali's recent cases include:

- **Central Termica de Temane SA & Citibank N.A. v Banco Santander SA** [2026] EWHC 2587 (Comm). Obtaining judgment for over $100m in a Commercial Court claim under demand bonds issued in connection with a project to construct a power plant in Mozambique.

- **CR Construction (UK) Co Ltd v Barclays Bank Plc** [2026] EWHC 202 (TCC). Appearing for Barclays, resisting an application for an injunction to restrain payment under a performance bond.
- **JKD v IKC** [2026] EWHC 2031 (Comm). Successfully resisting s.68 challenge in respect of a refusal by an ICC Tribunal to order interim measures.
- **Credit Suisse Virtuoso SICAV-SIF v Softbank** [2025] EWHC 2631 (Ch)
  Appearing (with Sonia Tolaney KC) for the claimant in its claim against SoftBank under s.423 of the Insolvency Act 1986 in respect of transactions entered into by Greensill in relation to the Fairymead Note Programme. One of The Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2025.
- **Maloney v Falcon VII Investment S.a.r.l** [2026] 2 BCLC 39
  Appearing in a 2-week expedited Commercial Court trial of a number of claims/counterclaims arising out of a suite of finance contracts. One of The Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2025.
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Examples of Recent Cases

Commercial Litigation

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- **Autonomy Corporation v Lynch and Hossain**
  Acting for Dr Lynch in HP's US$5bn fraud claim arising out of its purchase of Autonomy. Led by Lord Wolfson KC, Richard Hill KC, and Sharif Shivji KC.
- **PA(GI) Limited v Cigna Insurance Services (Europe) Ltd** [2023] EWHC 1360 (Comm)
  Appearing (with Sonia Tolaney KC) in a Commercial Court trial for indemnification in respect of PPI mis-selling liabilities and related costs and expenses.

- Acting for a Big Four accounting firm in an auditor's negligence claim for more than £100m.
- **Rihan v EY Global Ltd & Ors** [2020] EWHC 901
  Appearing (with Daniel Toledano QC and Josh Crow) for EY in a 3-week trial of a negligence and conspiracy claim brought by a former partner, relating to a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to a gold refiner in Dubai.
- **Filatona Trading Ltd & Deripaska v Navigator Equities Ltd & Chernukhin**
  Appearing (with Justin Fenwick QC) for the Deripaska parties in the Court of Appeal, on an appeal from a s.67 challenge, in relation to the proper interpretation of a joint venture agreement and, in particular, whether it excluded the intervention of an unnamed principal.
- **Barclays Private Trust Limited v. Ernst & Young LLP**
  Appearing for EY (with Daniel Toledano QC) in a 4-week trial of a professional negligence claim arising out of financial due diligence in respect of the acquisition of the Esporta health and leisure business.
- **Terra Firma v. Citibank**
  For Terra Firma (with Lord Grabiner QC and David Wolfson QC) in $2bn claim against Citibank arising out of its acquisition of EMI in 2007.
- **Starbev GP Ltd v. Interbrew Central European Holding BV**
  Appearing (with Lord Grabiner QC and Simon Colton) in the Court of Appeal and the Commercial Court in relation to a dispute between the private equity sponsored limited partnership and the world's largest brewer, arising out of the $3.5bn sale of a Central and Eastern European brewing business, regarding the proper interpretation of an earn-out agreement.
- **Phoenix Life Assurance v. FSA**
  For Phoenix (with Lord Grabiner QC), in expedited Commercial Court proceedings concerning the proper interpretation of a with-profits policy.
- **Berezovsky v. Abramovich**
  For Berezovsky (with Laurence Rabinowitz QC, Richard Gillis QC and others) in perhaps the flagship Russian-related litigation before the London Courts; culminating in a 3-month Commercial Court trial claiming damages in excess of $4 billion for intimidation and breach of trust. The dispute also included a raft of associated issues and interlocutory skirmishes (e.g.).
- **Haviland v. Sky In-Home Services Ltd** (QB)
  For Sky (with Michael Fealy) in 4-day QBD trial proceedings concerning a significant loss of commercial property.
- **BDW Trading v Fitzpatrick** [2015] EWHC 2490
  Appearing (with Daniel Toledano QC) in a secret profits/bribes claim, including obtaining related freezing/disclosure orders.

Banking, Financial Services and Insolvency / Restructuring

Nehali Shah has significant experience in the areas of banking and financial services. She has a particular interest in derivatives, and has advised on a wide range of issues relating to ISDA transactions, such as termination rights, set-off, agency, and the effect of Indian exchange control legislation. She has also acted in a number of restructurings. Nehali has experience in regulatory matters, and has appeared (with Lord Grabiner QC and Camilla Bingham) in proceedings before the Regulatory Decisions Committee (RDC) of the FSA.

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- **Central Termica de Temane SA & Citibank N.A. v Banco Santander SA [2026] EWHC 2587 (Comm)**
  Obtaining judgment for over $100m in a Commercial Court claim under demand bonds issued in connection with a project to construct a power plant in Mozambique. The Court rejected the defendant bank's reliance upon the doctrine in Ralli Bros as a defence to the claim based upon a Spanish interim injunction, given: (i) the place of performance of the payment obligation; and (ii) the bank's failure to take steps to seek to discharge the Spanish injunction or establish that such steps would have been futile. The Court also refused a stay of execution.
- **CR Construction (UK) Co Ltd v Barclays Bank Plc** [2026] EWHC 202 (TCC)
  Appearing for Barclays, resisting an application for an injunction to restrain payment under a performance bond.

- **Maloney v Falcon VII Investment S.a.r.l** [2025] EWHC 240 (Comm)
  Appearing (with Jasbir Dhillon KC) in a 2-week expedited Commercial Court trial of a number of claims/counterclaims arising out of a suite of finance contracts. One of The Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2025.
- **Credit Suisse Virtuoso SICAV-SIF v Softbank**
  Appearing (with Sonia Tolaney KC) for the claimant in its claim against SoftBank under s.423 of the Insolvency Act 1986 in respect of transactions entered into by Greensill in relation to the Fairymead Note Programme. One of The Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2025.
- **Astra Asset Management UK Ltd v Odin Automotive Sarl** [2023] EWHC 1465 (Comm)
  Claim for >$2m under a mandate letter.
- **Re Phoenix Life Assurance Ltd** [2023] EWHC 2612 (Ch)
  Appearing for the PRA in a Part VII transfer application.
- **Blockchain Optimization SA v LFE Market Ltd** [2020] EWHC 3656 (Comm)
  Successfully obtaining an order that unless extant costs orders be paid, defences to the claim be struck out and Ds be debarred from defending.
- **Ripple Markets APAC Pte Ltd v P Dot Money Ltd** [2024] EWHC 156 (Comm)
  Acting for the claimants in a claim for over US$12m under a cryptocurrency agreement.
- **Carton-Kelly v Darty Holdings SAS** [2023] EWHC 669 (Ch)
  Appearing for a liquidator for payment out of a judgment sum paid into court pending an appeal, to fund legal and other expenses.
- **PA(GI) Limited v Cigna Insurance Services (Europe) Ltd** [2023] EWHC 1360 (Comm)
  Appearing (with Sonia Tolaney KC) in a Commercial Court trial for indemnification in respect of PPI mis-selling liabilities and related costs and expenses.
- **Federal Deposit Insurance Company v Barclays (& Ors)** [2021] EWHC 987 (Ch), [2025] EWHC 46 (Ch), and [2024] EWHC 85 (Ch)
  Acting (with Sonia Tolaney QC) for Deutsche Bank in the Commercial Court claim brought by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation against a number of LIBOR panel banks in relation to alleged LIBOR misconduct."
- Acting for Morgan Stanley in the FX litigation.
- Acting as sole counsel for a company in defence of a claim for finance arranging fees under a Mandate Letter.
- Acting as sole counsel for a private equity real estate investment and advisory business in a multi-million pound claim for fees under an adviser's agreement.
- Acting as sole counsel for HSBC in a claim for over £4m concerning alleged derivatives mis-selling.
- **SCOR SE v Barclays** ; [2020] 1 CLC 193
  Appearing (with Sonia Tolaney QC) for Barclays in an application for a stay of proceedings for breach of confidence under Article 30 of the Recast Regulation, on the basis of related proceedings in France.
- **Macquarie Capital (Europe) Ltd v Nordsee Offshore MEGI GMbH** [2019] EWHC 1655 (Comm)
  Appearing (with Daniel Toledano KC) for Macquarie in a Commercial Court trial, obtaining judgment for payment of fees of some £15m under a financial advisory agreement in connection with an offshore windfarm in the German North Sea.
- **Re Prudential Assurance Company Ltd** [2019] EWHC 2245; [2020] 2 All ER 393
  Appearing for the PRA in a Part VII transfer application.
- **FBN Bank (UK) Ltd v Mansell Ghana Ltd**
  Obtaining summary judgment for a claim worth in excess of US$7m under a facility agreement.
- Acting as sole counsel for a defendant investment bank in a Commercial Court claim for an introduction fee.
- **Autoridad del Canal de Panama v Sacyr & Ors** [2017] 2 Lloyd's Rep 351
  Appearing (with Rhodri Davies QC) in the Commercial Court for the First Defendant contractor resisting a summary judgment application as to whether certain advance payment guarantees were unconditional demand bonds.
- **Midtown Acquisitions LP v Essar Global Fund Limited**
  Appearing in the Commercial Court in a claim to enforce a New York judgment at common law. Successfully defending a jurisdiction challenge to the claim (including consideration of whether the judgment was final and conclusive on the merits), and obtaining summary judgment. First reported English decision on the question whether a judgment by confession based on a cognovit clause can be enforced as a judgment in

English law.

- **Lehman Waterfall I** ; [2018] AC 465;
  Appearing for LBL in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, and Chancery Division in the Waterfall I proceedings, which raise a series of novel questions of insolvency law, including the liability of shareholders of an unlimited company, statutory interest, the ranking of claims in the administrations, and foreign currency claims.
- **Phoenix Life Assurance v. FSA**
  For Phoenix (with Lord Grabiner QC), in expedited Commercial Court proceedings concerning the proper interpretation of a with-profits policy.
- **Friends Life and Prudential**
  Appearing for the PRA in a Part VII transfer hearings in the Companies Court.
- **Goldman Sachs International v. Natixis** (Comm)
  For Goldman Sachs, with Lord Grabiner QC, in Commercial Court proceedings concerning the validity of a termination notice in respect of 3 credit default swaps subject to an ISDA Master Agreement. The case settled on the first day of trial.
- **Global Wind Power Source Ltd v. Ronsenback & Ors** (Comm)
  For GWPS (as sole counsel) in Commercial Court proceedings to enforce security interests under a loan (including advising on service out of jurisdiction).
- **Canary Wharf Finance II plc v. Deutsche Trustee Company Limited**
  Appearing (with David Wolfson QC) in a Part 8 Commercial Court trial regarding whether the holders of the Class A1 Notes issued as part of the Canary Wharf securitisation are entitled to a £168m Spens Payment following early redemption of the notes.
- Advising on a number of restructurings
- **In the Matter of Gordon Ramsay Holdings Ltd**
  For GRHL (with Neil Kitchener QC), obtaining urgent and novel relief dismissing a petition to wind up the company.
- **Barclays Bank v Unicredit**
  Acting for the largest Italian investment bank against Barclays in a dispute before the Commercial Court regarding the Italian bank's entitlement to be indemnified by Barclays in respect of tax liabilities incurred pursuant to a complex structured finance transaction. Settled on the first day of trial.
- **Re Excess Insurance Co Ltd** [2015] EWHC 3572
  Appearing for objecting policyholders in an application for the sanction of a Part VII insurance business transfer scheme.

Energy and Natural Resources

Nehali Shah has acted in a number of energy disputes (both in litigation and arbitration) for a number of majors, including (but not limited to) Total, BP, E.On, British Gas. She regularly advises on oil & gas sale, supply, transportation, processing and operating agreements in the UK and abroad, including on issues relating to force majeure, termination, quality and price determinations.

"Nehali has an unerring ability to grasp the key issues amidst the complexity of the dispute. A first-rate advocate." (Legal 500, Energy, 2025)

- **ICC Arbitration**
  Acting (with Lord Wolfson KC and Laurence Emmett KC) in an ICC arbitration concerning a deliver or pay obligation in a long term LNG sales agreement.
- **ICC Arbitration (ongoing)**
  Instructed in an ICC arbitration concerning the interpretation of an LNG SPA.
- **BG v Talisman & Ors**
  Appearing with John McCaughran QC for BG in proceedings relating to the proper interpretation of a North Sea TPOSA and amounts payable under it.
- **Expert Determination**
  Acting (with Sa'ad Hossain QC) in an expert determination concerning adjustments to the price of electricity under a PPA as a result of the removal of the exemption from the Climate Change levy for taxable commodities used to generate electricity.

- Advising major (with Lord Grabiner QC), as to force majeure and default gas provisions in gas supply agreements.
- Advising major (with Laurence Rabinowitz QC), as to force majeure and termination rights under transportation and processing agreement.
- LCIA Proceedings
  For Claimant company (with Ian Glick QC, Michael Fealy and Clare Reffin) in a US$20m dispute for damages arising out of an off-shore drilling contract.
- ICC Proceedings
  For Respondent BVI company, defending declaratory proceedings that multi-million pound success fees were not due under a consultancy agreement relating to exploration off the coast of Libya.
- LCIA Proceedings
  Appearing (with David Wolfson QC) in a $60m dispute relating to an FOB contract for coking coal.

Arbitration

Nehali Shah has acted in LCIA, ICC, UNCITRAL, SIAC, KLRCA and LMAA arbitrations, with a particular focus on energy and commodities related work. She also appears regularly in arbitration-related Court proceedings.

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- JKD v IKC [2026] EWHC 2031 (Comm)
  Successfully resisting s.68 challenge in respect of a refusal by an ICC Tribunal to order interim measures concerning on-demand bonds issued in connection with a power plant construction project
- ICC Arbitration (ongoing)
  Instructed in an ICC arbitration concerning the interpretation of an LNG SPA.
- SCC Arbitration (ongoing)
  Appearing in an SCC arbitration concerning the valuation of shares under a management incentive plan.
- GSCOP Arbitration
  Appearing as sole counsel for a major supermarket in an arbitration under the Groceries Supply Code of Practice concerning the reasonable notice period for the delisting of products.
- SIAC Arbitration
  Appearing (with John McCaughran QC) in a SIAC arbitration in relation to an Asian joint venture dispute worth over US$1 bn
- Filatona Trading Ltd & Deripaska v Navigator Equities Ltd & Chernukhin
  Appearing (with Justin Fenwick QC) for the Deripaska parties in the Court of Appeal, on an appeal from a s.67 challenge, in relation to the proper interpretation of a joint venture agreement and, in particular, whether it excluded the intervention of an unnamed principal.
- Hardy Exploration and Production (India) Inc v Government of India [2019] QB 544
  Appearing for the Government of India in proceedings relating to the enforcement of an arbitral award, including an application for a third party debt order.
- A v B (2018)
  Acting (with David Wolfson QC) for the defendant foreign government in proceedings relating to the enforcement of an arbitration award worth over £70m, involving a range of applications including for an extension of time to challenge enforcement, for a stay on enforcement, regarding a third party debt order, and challenging enforcement under s.101 of the 1996 Act.
- Autoridad del Canal de Panama v Sacyr & Ors [2017] 2 Lloyd's Rep 351
  Appearing (with Rhodri Davies QC) in applications for stays of proceedings under either s.9 of the Arbitration Act 1996 or under the Court's inherent jurisdiction.
- LMAA Arbitration
  Acting as sole counsel in a demurrage claim for $1.7m.
- KLRCA Arbitration
  Acting in proceedings for challenges to, and enforcement of, an arbitral award worth over £90m.
- LCIA Proceedings
  For a US chemicals company (with David Wolfson QC) in an arbitration on the Bermuda Form for recovery

from liability insurers for property damage and bodily injury claims.

- **Jahnel-Kestermann Getriebewerke GmbH v Suzlon Energy Limited** (Comm)
  Appearing (as sole counsel) before Walker J in proceedings in aid of execution of an ICC award.
- **Cruz City 1 Mauritius Holdings v Unitech Ltd & Ors** ; ; ;
  Appearing (variously, with David Wolfson QC, Neil Kitchener QC, and Alain Choo-Choy QC) in ongoing enforcement proceedings in aid of enforcement of US$350m LCIA arbitration awards, dealing with a range of relief including disclosure of assets, worldwide freezing orders, orders appointing receivers by way of equitable execution, and proceedings seeking Chabra relief and related jurisdictional issues."
- **Arsanovia Ltd & Ors v. Cruz City 1 Mauritius Holdings**
  For Cruz City (with David Wolfson QC) in s67 challenges in relation to 2 LCIA awards relating to a joint venture for the development of slum-clearance land known as the 'Santacruz Project' in Mumbai. Per the decision in Sulamerica, this case also concered the proper law of an arbitration agreement, in addition to a number of questions of Indian arbitration law.
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  Appearing (with David Wolfson QC) in a commodities dispute arising out of a $60m FOB contract for coking coal.
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- **UNCITRAL/LCIA Arbitrations**
  Acted as lead counsel in 2 arbitrations under the UNCITRAL Rules (administered by the LCIA) worth over US$10m regarding unpaid sums under a licensing agreement and a complex sale transaction.

Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws

Nehali Shah has a particular interest in the conflict of laws & jurisdiction, and regularly acts and advises in matters raising issues of jurisdiction, proper law and enforcement, including anti-suit injunctions.

- **SCOR SE v Barclays**
  Appearing (with Sonia Tolaney QC) for Barclays in an application for a stay of proceedings for breach of confidence under Article 30 of the Recast Regulation, on the basis of related proceedings in France.
- **Hardy Exploration and Production (India) Inc v Government of India** [2018] 2 Lloyd's Rep 331
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- **Thai-Lao Lignite (Thailand) Co Ltd v Laos**
  Acting in proceedings before Popplewell J concerning a freezing order against Laos. The issues arising included immunity from execution under the State Immunity Act and the effect of the order on the Central Bank.
- **Sulamerica & Ors v. Enesa & Ors**

For Brazilian insureds at first instance (with Hilary Heilbron QC) and subsequently before the CA (with David Wolfson QC), under policies insuring their interests in one of the world's largest hydroelectricity projects in a claim for an anti-suit injunction where the issues involved the proper law of the arbitration agreement, the enforceability of a mediation provision, and the interpretation of a combined jurisdiction/arbitration agreement. The case re-considers the correct approach for determining the proper law of an arbitration agreement.

- **Arsanovia Ltd & Ors v. Cruz City 1 Mauritius Holdings**
  For Cruz City (with David Wolfson QC) in s67 challenges in relation to 2 LCIA awards relating to a joint venture for the development of slum-clearance land known as the 'Santacruz Project' in Mumbai. Per the decision in Sulamerica, this case also concerned the issue of the proper law of an arbitration agreement, in addition to a number of questions of Indian arbitration law.
- **Capital Ventures International v. The Republic of Argentina**
  Advised (with John McCaughran QC and Anna Boase) a Cayman incorporated Claimant seeking common law enforcement in England of a New York judgment debt for $100m against the Republic of Argentina.
- Advised on an application to set aside service out of the jurisdiction on grounds of an exclusive jurisdiction clause in favour of another forum.
- Advised AIM-listed company in relation to a breach of warranty claim, including as to issues relating to jurisdiction.
- Advised claimant resisting a jurisdiction challenge to a declaratory claim for non-liability on allegations that were already the subject of parallel proceedings in the US.
- **Cruz City 1 Mauritius Holdings v Unitech Ltd & Ors**
  Jurisdiction challenge relating to service out of the jurisdiction on Chabra defendants.

What the Directories Say

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"Nehali is an excellent advocate and supremely responsive and thorough." Chambers & Partners 2027 (International Arbitration)

"Nehali is an extremely effective advocate. She is very well prepared, absolutely unflappable under heavy questioning by the tribunal and very collegiate." Chambers & Partners 2027 (International Arbitration)

"Nehali is brilliant on the law. Her drafting is impeccable. She is a pleasure to deal with." Chambers & Partners 2027 (International Arbitration)

"Nehali is a delight to work with and presents really well in client and other meetings. She can get the strategic understanding and is one of the more robust and conservative voices balancing opinion across the team." Chambers & Partners 2027 (International Arbitration)

"Nehali is an absolute superstar. Her legal analysis and the thoroughness in her work are absolutely commendable." Chambers & Partners 2027 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Nehali has all the things you want in a barrister. She is really incredibly clever, all over the detail and someone whose advocacy and cross-examination are very effective." Chambers & Partners 2027 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Nehali is clever, responsive, easy to work with and attuned to the client's demands and the commercial objectives in the case. She is a very trusted member of any team." Chambers & Partners 2027 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Nehali is very smart and thoughtful, good on strategic points and very responsive." Chambers & Partners 2027 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Nehali is a really extremely impressive barrister." Chambers & Partners 2027 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Nehali is extremely responsive, easy to work with and attuned to client demands and the commercial objectives in a case." Chambers & Partners 2027 (Civil Fraud)

"She is thorough on the law, clever, and experienced in advising on all levels of strategic and practical issues. She is a very trusted member of any team." Chambers & Partners 2027 (Civil Fraud)

"Nehali Shah has excellent client-handling skills." Chambers & Partners 2027 (Energy & Natural Resources)

"Nehali is an extremely effective advocate, very well prepared, absolutely unflappable under heavy questioning and just very collegiate." Chambers & Partners 2027 (Energy & Natural Resources)

"Nehali is unfailingly excellent. She is meticulous, personable and very quick to grasp highly complex issues. Her written work is clear and persuasive, and her oral advocacy is also very impressive." Chambers & Partners 2026 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Nehali is exceptionally bright and provides a premium service, both in terms of legal analysis and her grasp of the commercial aspects of a case. She is very responsive and a pleasure to work with." Chambers & Partners 2026 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"I am always impressed with Nehali Shah. She is modest with her intellect but so clever and knowledgeable and user-friendly with it." Chambers & Partners 2026 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Nehali is an excellent advocate and barrister who gives thorough and commercial advice in a helpful and user-friendly way." Chambers & Partners 2026 (Banking & Finance)

"She is an absolute superstar and someone who really understands reality and turnaround times." Chambers & Partners 2026 (Banking & Finance)

"Nehali has excellent drafting, understands the client's case and crafts strategically creative arguments." Chambers & Partners 2026 (Energy & Natural Resources)

"She has excellent drafting, absolutely stellar drafting and understands the client's case." Chambers & Partners 2026 (International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance)

"Nehali is very engaging with the whole of the team down to the junior levels and easy to work with." Chambers & Partners 2026 (International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance)

"Nehali is exceptionally clever and a real asset to have on a case. She is responsive, thorough and commercial." Chambers & Partners 2026 (Fraud: Civil)

"She is meticulous, personable and very quick to grasp highly complex issues. Her written work is clear and persuasive, and her oral advocacy is also very impressive." Chambers & Partners 2026 (Fraud: Civil)

"Nehali is very bright and an excellent advocate." Chambers & Partners 2026 (Energy & Natural Resources)

"Nehali is intelligent, ferociously hard-working and a star in the making." Chambers & Partners 2026 (Energy & Natural Resources)

"Nehali provides clear, thorough and thoughtful advice, which takes account of the client's commercial and wider strategic interests and objectives. She is a pleasure to deal with and a trusted advocate and adviser." Legal 500 2026 (Commercial Litigation)

"Nehali is calm and collected, responsive, proactive and a delight to work with. She is immensely bright and has great attention to detail." Legal 500 2026 (Energy)

"She is immensely bright and has great attention to detail. Responsive, proactive and a delight to work with." Legal 500 2026 (International Arbitration: Counsel)

"She is engaged, intelligent and a good advocate." "Nehali is a go-to senior junior. She's an absolute superstar. She's calm and smart, and everyone likes working with her." Chambers & Partners 2025 (Banking & Finance)

"Very clear thinking. Always straight to the heart of the point. Beautiful drafting: concise, sharp, clear. Very hard working. Quick to see the point." Legal 500 2025 (Banking & Finance)

"Nehali is incredible. She is very clever, very down to earth and also very responsive and very straightforward." "She is incredibly client-friendly, but also great at technical pleadings. A whole range of clients seek her out." Chambers & Partners 2025 (Commercial Litigation)

"Nehali is a razor-sharp technical lawyer. She has an outstanding eye for detail and knows the law inside and out. She is also very user-friendly." Legal 500 2025 (Commercial Litigation)

"Nehali Shah's drafting is on-point and persuasive. She is very strategic in her input." "Nehali is fearsomely bright." "Nehali Shah is very clever, very down to earth and also very responsive." Chambers & Partners 2025 (Energy)

"Nehali has an unerring ability to grasp the key issues amidst the complexity of the dispute. A first-rate advocate." Legal 500 2025 (Energy)

"Nehali has a first-rate forensic mind and is highly persuasive as an advocate. She's superbly thorough and provides excellent value for clients, providing silk-quality work." "Nehali is extremely responsive and very good at analysing and synthesising a vast amount of material in a tight timeframe." Chambers & Partners 2025 (International Arbitration)

"Clearly extremely bright and, as a result, astonishingly quick to think through difficult issues and offer a way forward. A great tactician. Absolutely someone you always want on your team on complex matters." Legal 500 2025 (International Arbitration)

"Nehali has a brain the size of a house, really, really clever and it really shows." "Nehali Shah could not have been more efficient or helpful; very thorough. Her written pleadings were first rate." "A sensible, pragmatic and smart lawyer." Chambers & Partners 2024 (Banking & Finance)

"Nehali is very strategic. She has a good grasp of the detail and is a good team player." "Nehali is a very brilliant barrister. She thinks about things that other people don't see and can be a game changer." "Nehali Shah is very switched on, responsive and great on the detail." Chambers & Partners 2024 (Commercial Litigation)

"Nehali Shah is excellent. She's extremely good at drafting and is responsive." Chambers & Partners 2024 (Energy)

"Nehali Shah is able to distil the key issues and has a strong grasp of the facts." "I can never speak highly enough of her; she is super bright, unbelievably responsive, very sensible and pragmatic with her advice." "She is excellent, a rising star." Chambers & Partners 2024 (International Arbitration)

"Nehali remains at the top of anyone's wish-list of junior counsel. She is a rare combination of being extremely clever but also intensely practical and responsive. Phenomenally hard-working." Legal 500 2024 (Banking & Finance)

"Nehali is extremely clever, intensely practical and responsive, and phenomenally hardworking." Legal 500 2024 (Energy)

"Nehali is very bright, highly responsive, and a joy to work with. She provides carefully considered advice. A very impressive junior." Legal 500 2024 (International Arbitration)

"Nehali is a solicitor's dream. She is responsive and efficient. Her ability to both provide clear commercial advice in short order, which is nevertheless thorough, detailed and well considered, is impressive." Chambers & Partners 2023 (Banking & Finance)

"Completely forensic and very good at picking the case apart and finding what matters. On a big, complex case she is the best junior." Chambers & Partners 2023 (Commercial Litigation)

"Nehali is a fantastic senior junior who will go far. Her attention to detail is second to none." Chambers & Partners 2023 (Commercial Litigation)

"She stands out in a room of legal heavyweights. She has a fantastic legal mind and is a pleasure to work with." Chambers & Partners 2023 (Commercial Litigation)

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order, which is nevertheless thorough, detailed and well considered, is impressive." Chambers & Partners 2023 (Energy)

"She's hard-working and committed." Chambers & Partners 2023 (International Arbitration)

"Immensely quick turnaround; very sharp and grasps the key issues quickly; excellent cross-examiner; very thorough." Legal 500 2023 (International Arbitration)

"Her non-aggressive style of cross-examination belies an incisiveness which had the effect of revealing a witness's prevarication." Chambers & Partners 2023 (International Arbitration)

"Nehali is immensely diligent, incisive and commercial and is also extremely user-friendly. She grips the knottiest facts and legal points quickly and easily and gets straight to the nub of an issue. Her responsiveness is truly exceptional, borne of her incredibly hard-working approach. She is completely committed to her cases and inspires great confidence in clients. Consistently top drawer." Legal 500 2023 (Banking & Finance, Commercial Litigation, and Energy)

"Brilliant on every front. She's exceptionally hard-working and a real pleasure to work with. I can't recommend her highly enough." "She is very thorough, client-friendly and an absolute joy to work with." Chambers & Partners 2021 (Banking & Finance)

"Brilliant on every front - exceptionally hard-working and a real pleasure to work with." "Her written work is excellent and her ability to distil and condense information in a short amount of time is impressive." Chambers & Partners 2021 (Energy & Natural Resources)

"She will be outstandingly successful. She is good at writing, good with clients and has plenty of common sense." "A class act." "She is super impressive. Her written work is excellent, she gets on top of work really quickly and, on top of that, she is super user-friendly." Chambers & Partners 2021 (International Arbitration: General Commercial)

"Knows the law on jurisdiction and forum like the back of her hand, and turns round complex questions and documents incredibly quickly." "She consistently adds value." Chambers & Partners 2021 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"A strong banking and finance junior, and a pleasure to work with - on top of the detail and quick to respond." Legal 500 2020 (Banking & Finance)

"Just a class act from start to finish, incredibly hard working and responsive." Legal 500 2020 (Commercial Litigation)

"She has an incredible brain, provides fantastic, clear and concise drafting, and is always ready and willing to get stuck into a case." Legal 500 2020 (Energy)

"Super smart, very easy to work with and someone who immediately makes a difference in a case." "She is very clever and lovely to work with, and she can turn things around very quickly." Chambers & Partners 2020 (Banking & Finance)

"She is absolutely fantastic." Chambers & Partners 2020 (Energy & Natural Resources)

"Always completely on top of the law and the detail, incredibly hard-working, and her written work is fantastic." Chambers & Partners 2020 (Arbitration)

"She's very hard-working, hugely intelligent and a team player - a star of the future." Chambers & Partners 2020 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

Academic Achievements

Scholar and Senior Scholar, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge [2004, 2005, 2006]
C J Hamson Prize for Contract Law, Cambridge University [2005]
3 Verulam Buildings Prize for Equity, Cambridge University [2006]
Herbert Smith Prize for Conflict of Laws, Cambridge University [2006]
William McNair Prize for Law, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge [2005, 2006]
McDermott, Will & Emery Scholarship for study at Harvard Law School [2006]
Queen Mother Scholarship, Middle Temple [2007]
Tapp Scholarship, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge [2007]

William Rose Memorial Prize for Drafting, Inns of Court School of Law [2008]

Other Achievements

Accredited FRU representative (employment) and experience in handling FRU cases
Represented Harvard Law School at the Wilhelm C. Vis International Arbitration Moot, Vienna [2007]
William McNair Prize for Mooting [2004]
University Instrumental Award (Piano), Cambridge University [2003 - 2006]

Education

[2003 - 2006] Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge: BA (Hons) Law (Double First)
[2006 - 2007] LLM, Harvard Law School
[2007 - 2008] Inns of Court School of Law: BVC
[2007 - 2008] Tutor in Contract Law, Cambridge University and King's College London, and lecturer in Contract Law at King's College London

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