



Nehali Shah

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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 • 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 has extensive experience of complex and high-value commercial litigation and international arbitration, led and unled. She has appeared at all levels in the English Courts (including the Supreme Court and a number of appearances in the Court of Appeal), and in a variety of other Tribunals, both arbitral (e.g. LCIA, ICC, UNCITRAL, SIAC, KLRCA and LMAA) and regulatory (e.g. the RDC), and in expert determination. Nehali's core practice areas include banking, financial services and restructuring, energy, civil fraud, and jurisdiction.

Nehali has been 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 junior.*' 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. She has been described as '*bright, personable, and capable.*' One leader says '*I would not be surprised if one day she were to emerge as a Supreme Court Justice – she's that good*'. Nehali 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. Nehali was also nominated for **Banking Junior of the year** in 2022 and 2019 and **Commercial Litigation Junior of the Year** in 2022 and 2018. She is nominated for **Energy Junior of the Year** (*Legal 500*, 2025) and **International Arbitration Junior of the Year** (*Chambers and Partners*, 2025).

Nehali is Band 1 Ranked (*Chambers & Partners*) in 4 practice areas. She is instructed in 2 of *The Lawyer's Top 20* cases for 2025.

Chambers and Partners 2022 (Commercial Litigation)

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Examples of Recent Cases

Commercial Litigation

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- **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.
- **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** [2020] 2 All ER (Comm) 851
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 [2016] EWHC 869 (Comm)**

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 [2014] EWHC 1311 ([2016] EWCA Civ 449)**

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 [2013] EWHC 60**

For Phoenix (with Lord Grabiner QC), in expedited Commercial Court proceedings concerning the proper interpretation of a with-profits policy.

- **Berezovsky v. Abramovich [2012] EWHC 2463 (Comm)**

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. [2011] EWHC 1143).

- **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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- **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] EWHC 133 (Comm); [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 (2019, Commercial Court)** [2019] EWHC 2833 (Comm)
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** [2017] 1 WLR 3083
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** [2017] UKSC 38; [2018] AC 465; [2016] Ch 50; [2014] 3 WLR 466
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** [2013] EWHC 60
For Phoenix (with Lord Grabiner QC), in expedited Commercial Court proceedings concerning the proper interpretation of a with-profits policy.
- **Friends Life and Prudential** [2014] EWHC 4770 (Ch)
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** [2016] EWHC 100 (Comm)
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 2025 (Energy)

- **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 [2015] EWHC 110 (Comm)**

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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- **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 [2020] EWCA Civ 109**

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 [2013] 2 All ER (Comm) 1137; [2013] EWCA Civ 1512; [2015] 1 All ER (Comm) 336; [2015] 1 All ER (Comm) 305**

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 [2013] 2 All E.R. (Comm) 1**

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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- **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.

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- **Thai-Lao Lignite (Thailand) Co Ltd v Laos** [2013] EWHC 2466

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** [2012] 1 Lloyd's Rep 275; [2012] 1 Lloyd's Rep 671

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.

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- **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** [2015] 1 All ER (Comm) 305

Jurisdiction challenge relating to service out of the jurisdiction on Chabra defendants.

What the Directories Say

"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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and Partners 2026 (Banking & Finance)

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

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

"She has excellent drafting, absolutely stellar drafting and understands the client's case." Chambers and 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 and 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 and 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 and Partners 2026 (Fraud: Civil)

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

"Nehali is intelligent, ferociously hard-working and a star in the making." Chambers and 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 and Partners 2025 (Banking & Finance)

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"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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and Partners 2024 (Commercial Litigation)

"Nehali Shah is excellent. She's extremely good at drafting and is responsive." Chambers and 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 and 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 and 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 and Partners 2023 (Commercial Litigation)

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

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"She's hard-working and committed." Chambers and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and Partners 2020 (Banking & Finance)

"She is absolutely fantastic." Chambers and 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 and Partners 2020 (Arbitration)

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

Academic Achievements

Scholar and Senior Scholar, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge [2004, 2005, 2006]

CJ 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 (Very Competent)

[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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