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Scope of Practice

• Agency • Arbitration • Asset Tracing and Recovery • Banking and Financial Services • Breach of Confidence • Breach of Warranty • Civil Fraud and Investigations • Commercial Litigation • Commodity Trading • Company and Insolvency • Disclosure and Privilege • Economic Torts • Energy and Natural Resources • Injunctions • Insurance and Reinsurance (including Bermuda form) • Online Gaming, IT and Telecommunications • Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws • Sale of Goods and Supply of Goods and Services

Overview

Described as *"a great leader who is tough in court", absolutely brilliant, superb and very client-friendly,"* a *"fantastic oral and written advocate"* with *"an amazing eye for detail"* and *"a very strong cross-examiner."* Orlando Gledhill has a broad commercial practice in litigation and arbitration. He has considerable specific expertise in banking and finance, energy and natural resources, commodities (physical and derivatives), online gaming and pharmaceuticals/life sciences.

His most recent notable cases are:

Fir Tree Capital v (1) SBB Treasury OYJ & (2) Samhallsbyggnadsbolaget I Norden AB (Publ) (Comm) (2024-2025)
For Defendant Swedish property company in €50 million test case concerning EMTN programme noteholders' right to accelerated repayment. The case affected noteholders of over €1 billion of SBB's debt.

PT Services Malta Limited v Tecnologica en Entretenimiento Caliplay, S.A.P.I. de C/V. & ors [2023] EWHC 3060 (Comm) (2023-2024)
For Claimant Playtech gaming software company, obtained urgent anti-suit relief to restrain Mexican proceedings for breach of exclusive jurisdiction clauses and on the "vexatious and oppressive" ground. Claims for €180 million in unpaid fees for software licensing and services.

Bugsby Property LLC v LGIM Commercial Ltd (2019-2022) (Comm) [2022] EWHC 2001 (Comm) (2019-2023)
For Defendant members of Legal & General group in 4-week, £370 million trial of claim for breach of exclusivity agreement and breach of confidence in relation to the Claimant's failed attempt to acquire the Olympia London exhibition centre and in Court of Appeal.

Bilta (UK) Ltd & Ors v (1) Natwest Markets plc and (2) Mercuria Energy Europe Trading Ltd [2018] Lloyd's Rep. F.C. 202, [2020] EWHC 546 (Ch), [2021] EWCA Civ 680 (2016-2024)
For Claimants in 6-week trial of dishonest assistance claims re carbon emissions allowance (EUA) trading that was

part of a €billions missing trader VAT fraud and in Court of Appeal.

Orlando has substantial experience in large-scale litigation (e.g., Playtech v Caliplay, Bugsby v L&G, Bilta v RBS/NatWest and Libyan Investment Authority v Goldman Sachs), but is equally comfortable working on much smaller cases. He also sits as an arbitrator.

Orlando sees it as his duty to commit 100% to the client; having taken on a case he will focus unswervingly on that case and will not accept professional commitments which might detract from that focus.

Within the energy industry, Orlando has a strong background in carbon emissions and carbon credits/offsets trading (e.g., Bilta, CF Partners, Deutsche Bank, Ineos) and also has strong experience of renewables.

Recommended by Legal 500 (Commercial Litigation, Banking and Finance, Energy, Fraud: civil), Chambers UK (Commercial Dispute Resolution, Banking and Finance, Energy and Natural Resources) and Chambers Global (UK, Dispute Resolution: Commercial; UK, Energy and Natural Resources).

Examples of Recent Cases

Commercial Litigation

"Orlando Gledhill is very smart and incredibly hard working. His advice is clear and robust, and delivered in a way that is accessible for clients." Chambers UK 2024 - Commercial Dispute Resolution

Orlando Gledhill's general commercial litigation practice involves acting for large corporates (e.g., Google, Legal & General and NCR Corporation) as well as much smaller companies, across a broad range of industries and disputes.

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For Claimant Playtech gaming software company, obtained urgent anti-suit relief to restrain Mexican proceedings for breach of exclusive jurisdiction clauses and on the "vexatious and oppressive" ground. Claims for €180 million in unpaid fees for software licensing and services. Issues as to breach of "commercial efforts" clause, availability of abatement defence and whether software is “goods”.

Fir Tree Capital v (1) SBB Treasury OYJ & (2) Samhallsbyggnadsbolaget I Norden AB (Publ) (Comm)
For Defendant Swedish social infrastructure property company in €50 million test case concerning EMTN programme noteholders’ right to accelerated repayment. The case affected noteholders of over €1 billion of SBB’s debt and was closely watched by other noteholders. Raised points of industry importance concerning the interpretation of an interest coverage ratio covenant, the validity of an Event of Default Notice and whether Defendants were entitled to change the presentation of their accounts.

NICE Systems UK Ltd v Unify Software and Solutions Gmbh (Comm)
For Claimant in c €15 million claim for sums due under software licensing agreement and on the Defendant’s jurisdiction challenge. The case raised novel point of the validity of service of proceedings in Germany, post-Brexit, under the 1928 Convention between Germany and the UK regarding civil and commercial proceedings.

Bugsby Property LLC v LGIM Commercial Ltd (2019-2022) (Comm) [2022] EWHC 2001 (Comm)
For Defendant members of Legal & General group in 4-week £370 million trial of claim for breach of exclusivity agreement and breach of confidence in relation to the Claimant's failed attempt to acquire the Olympia London exhibition centre. Issues as to damages on the "loss of a chance" basis and impact of Brexit and Covid-19 on assessment of damages. Cross-examined 6 factual and expert witnesses over 3 weeks. Judgment for £15 million led to appeals on numerous grounds by both parties for which PTA was given; the case settled shortly before the hearing in the Court of Appeal.

Corvus Lights Aviation & anr v 777 Partners LLC & anr
US$30 million claims under guarantees and indemnities in respect of a Canadian airline's obligations under 4 aircraft leases.

Education Software Solutions Ltd & Anr v Capita Managed IT Solutions Ltd (2023) (Ch)
For Claimant providers of schools information management software used by substantially all state schools in Northern Ireland in claims for declarations that Capita's licence to use the software has expired, for injunctions and for an inquiry as to damages. Obtained order for an expedited trial.

Be In, Inc. v Google Inc,, YouTube LLC & Ors (2018 to 2019) (Comm)
For Google and YouTube in US$100 million breach of confidence claim by developer of video entertainment sharing platform alleging misuse of confidential business ideas.

Kiwix Ltd v Google Ireland Ltd (2018-2019) (Ch)
For Google, defending claim for alleged wrongful termination of gaming website operator's participation in Google's AdSense program, which allows website publishers to earn revenue by displaying adverts alongside online content.

Global Display Solutions Ltd & Ors v NCR Financial Solutions Group Ltd & Ors (2019- 2022) (Comm)
For Defendant manufacturers of ATMs and point of sale systems, in fully-remote trial of £30 million claims by component suppliers arising out of the vertical integration of the Defendants' production. Lengthy cross-examination of Claimants' senior management witnesses.

Awbury Technical Solutions LLC v Karson Management (Bermuda) Ltd [2019] Bus. L.R. 559; [2019] EWHC 233 (Comm)
For Defendant, in breach of confidence claim between financial structuring boutiques in relation to insured financing for the acquisition of investments in collateralised loan obligations (CLOs). Interim injunction application raised issues as to the applicable test where freedom of expression issues were raised and the significance of contract provisions acknowledging that damages would not be an adequate remedy for breach.

SDI Retail Services Ltd v The Rangers Football Club Ltd (2018) (Comm)
For Claimant Sports Direct company, resisting third party's application to stay/vary injunction against Rangers.

A.L. Challis Ltd v British Gas Trading Ltd [2015] EWHC 141 (Comm) [2016] EWHC 513 (Comm) [2017] EWCA Civ 1972
For British Gas at trial and on appeal of £8 million claims under contract for distribution of shower regulators intended partly to fulfil British Gas's obligations under the CERT scheme.

Rochester Resources & Ors v. Leonid L. Lebedev & Anr [2014] EWHC 2926 (Comm); [2014] EWHC 2185 (Comm)
For Defendant former Russian businessman (with Lord Grabiner QC) in US$2 billion dispute with Viktor Vekselberg and Leonard Blavatnik re TNK-BP joint venture and its purchase in 2013 by Rosneft. Defended anti-suit injunction application brought by the Claimants to restrain proceedings brought by Mr Lebedev in New York and in application to redact Claimant's evidence to remove reference to privileged documents (issues of applicable law and scope of without prejudice privilege as it applies to "opening shots").

RPG Life Sciences Ltd v. Rivopharm SA (Comm)
For Claimant Indian pharmaceutical manufacturer in dispute with Swiss buyer under supply agreement for the sale of a generic drug. Issues of alleged breach of GMP.

Crema v. Cenkos Securities Plc (Comm) [2010] EWHC 461 (Comm); [2010] All ER (D) 212 (Dec); [2011] 1 W.L.R. 2006; [2011] 4 Costs L.R. 552
For Defendant securities firm at trial and on appeal of claims by sub-agent in corporate fundraising transaction. Dispute as to whether Cenkos was liable to pay its sub-agent on the fundraising regardless of non-payment by the client. Issues as to the proper approach to implying contract terms after A-G of Belize v Belize Telecom Ltd [2009] 1 WLR 1988 and the admissibility of expert evidence on issues of construction and to support an implied term.

Resolution Chemicals Ltd v. Generics (UK) Ltd (Comm)
For Defendant pharmaceutical manufacturer in a substantial dispute under a long-term exclusive supply agreement for the sale of a generic drug.

Banking and Financial Services

"Orlando is superb and always delivers." Legal 500 2024 – Banking

Orlando Gledhill's practice encompasses all contentious aspects in the fields of retail and investment banking, fund management, finance and related insolvency and financial services regulation. His banking disputes experience

includes alleged breaches of the so-called *Quincecare* duty, Forex market manipulation, LIBOR and PPI and negligent investment management. Orlando has particular expertise in breach of confidence claims in the banking and financial services context (e.g., **Bugsby v L&G, Awbury v Karson, Red Kite v Barclays and CF Partners v Barclays**). He has given expert evidence in foreign proceedings (Russia, Spain, Luxembourg) on aspects of English banking law.

Fir Tree Capital v (1) SBB Treasury OYJ & (2) Samhallsbyggnadsbolaget I Norden AB (Publ) (Comm)
For Defendant Swedish social infrastructure property company in €50 million test case concerning EMTN programme noteholders' right to accelerated repayment. The case affected noteholders of over €1 billion of SBB's debt and was closely watched by other noteholders. Raised points of industry importance concerning the interpretation of an interest coverage ratio covenant, the validity of an Event of Default Notice and whether Defendants were entitled to change the presentation of their accounts.

Kieren Auluk v Barclays Investment Solutions Ltd (ChD)
For Defendant investment platform in £7 million claim concerning the freezing of an investor's shares in a volatile crude oil derivative as a result of a share split by the share issuer.
Raises regulatory and contractual issues concerning an investment platform's obligations to resolve shortfalls in client assets created by corporate actions undertaken by the share issuer. Issues under FCA Handbook Client Assets Sourcebook (CASS) and Conduct of Business Sourcebook (COBS).

Bugsby Property LLC v (1) LGIM Commercial Lending Ltd and (2) Legal & General Assurance Society Ltd (Comm) [2022] EWHC 2001 (Comm)
For Defendants loan arranger and lender (members of Legal & General group) in 4-week £370 million trial of claim for breach of exclusivity agreement and breach of confidence in relation to the Claimant's failed attempt to acquire the Olympia exhibition centre. Issues as to the availability and cost of debt finance in 2017 to fund the acquisition and the availability and cost of subsequent refinancing in 2020 to fund a major commercial property development of 10 acres in central London. Also issues as to the Claimant's ability to raise discretionary property investment funds and the future prospects of such funds. Judgment for £15 million led to appeals on numerous grounds by both parties for which PTA was given; the case settled shortly before the hearing in the Court of Appeal.

Bilta (UK) Ltd & Ors v (1) Natwest Markets plc and (2) Mercuria Energy Europe Trading Ltd [2018] Lloyd's Rep. F.C. 202, [2020] EWHC 546 (Ch), [2021] EWCA Civ 680
For Claimants in 6-week trial of dishonest assistance claims re carbon emissions allowance (EUA) trading that was part of a €billions missing trader VAT fraud. Cross-examined emissions trading and forensic accounting experts at trial. Challenge to RBS's claim to litigation privilege in witness interviews and other documents prepared as part of RBS's investigation into the trading. 2021 Court of Appeal Judgment ordered a retrial for delay.

Kezen Trade Israel Ltd v Barclays Bank PLC (Comm)
For Barclays in liquidators' claim re £8.5 million payment by Claimant's director. Issues of the bank's *Quincecare* duty not to follow payment instructions when put "on inquiry" and of the director's authority under the account mandate.

Red Kite Management Limited & Ors v Barclays Bank PLC
For Barclays (with Laurence Rabinowitz QC and Adrian Beltrami QC), defending breach of confidence and LIBOR misrepresentation claims for over US$800 million in the context of London Metal Exchange copper trading.

CONFIDENTIAL (2018-2019): Forex market manipulation
Advice to an institution and to a trader in relation to alleged foreign exchange market manipulation.

Awbury Technical Solutions LLC v Karson Management (Bermuda) Ltd [2019] Bus. L.R. 559; [2019] EWHC 233 (Comm)
For Defendant in breach of confidence claim between financial structuring boutiques in relation to insured financing for the acquisition of investments in collateralised loan obligations (CLOs). Interim injunction application raised issues as to the applicable test and the significance of contract provisions acknowledging that damages would not be an adequate remedy for breach.

Libyan Investment Authority v Goldman Sachs International [2016] EWHC 2530 (Ch)
For Goldman Sachs (with Robert Miles QC and Rupert Allen) in US$1.2 billion claim by the Claimant sovereign wealth fund to set aside equity derivatives transactions for alleged undue influence and/or as unconscionable bargains. 7-week trial in 2016 led to Judgment for Goldman Sachs. Appeal dismissed in 2017.

ED&F Man Capital Markets Ltd v Come Harvest Holdings Ltd & Anr (2017 to 2018)
For Claimant in US$300 million commodities fraud involving metals "repo" agreements and forged documents of title.

RREEF European Value Added Fund I LP v Deutsche Alternative Asset Management (UK) Ltd (Comm) (2014 to 2016)
For Claimant (with Daniel Toledano QC and Oliver Butler) in €160 million gross negligence claim for investors in European real estate fund against fund manager within Deutsche Bank group.

CONFIDENTIAL: Commercial Court Proceedings (2015)
For the bank in US$25 million fraudulent conspiracy claim by Austrian bank against 13 Russian Defendants involved in a corporate group in the steel industry.

CF Partners (UK) Ltd v. (1) Barclays Bank Plc (2) Tricorona [2014] EWHC 3049 (Ch)
For Claimant (with Tim Lord QC and Richard Eschwege) in 8-week breach of confidence trial re Barclays' acquisition of Swedish carbon credit accumulator Tricorona. In-depth consideration of the bank's internal information barriers and conflicts of interest procedures and the flow of confidential information within the bank about numerous actual or proposed M&A transactions. Cross-examined the carbon market experts and expert forensic accountants.

Fortress Value Recovery Fund I LLC & Ors v. Blue Skye Special Opportunities Fund LP (A Firm) & 20 Ors [2012] EWHC 1486 (Comm)
For Defendant investment fund managers (with Tim Lord QC and a large team of junior counsel) in €200 million Commercial Court claims by lender, security trustee and shareholder re restructuring of investment structure (freezing order, see [2012] EWHC 1486 (Comm) and substantive proceedings). Claims (under English and Luxembourg law) included allegations of conspiracy to injure and to put assets beyond the reach of the claimants, misrepresentation, inducing breaches of contract and/or fiduciary duties and knowing receipt.

Deutsche Bank v. Total Global Steel Ltd [2012] EWHC 1201 (Comm); [2012] Env. L.R D7
For Claimant investment bank in trial of €6 million contractual dispute about the sale of carbon credits (CERs). Involved consideration of ISDA Master agreement, EU and UN legislation on emissions trading and valuation of CERs and AAUs.

Britten & Ors v. Investec Bank PLC (Ch)
For Investec (with Laurence Rabinowitz QC) defending a claim by client re discretionary investment portfolio managed by a Swiss group company and losses incurred during the global financial crisis and in connection with the Madoff fraud. Issues of alleged breaches of a duty of care at common law and of FSMA 2000 and FSA rules.

PPI: Advice to FSA
On investigation and enforcement action against the major UK high street banks re payment protection insurance mis-selling.

Glitnir Banki HF v. Johannesson (Comm)
Worldwide freezing order under s25 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (with Richard Gillis QC) obtained without notice and continued on contested return date in support of proceedings in Iceland re lending by Icelandic bank to vehicle connected to bank's major shareholders. Issues of Icelandic and New York law and potential conflicts between freezing order regimes in England, Iceland and New York.

Crema v. Cenkos Securities Plc (Comm) [2010] EWHC 461 (Comm); [2010] All ER (D) 212 (Dec); [2011] 1 W.L.R. 2066; [2011] 4 Costs L.R. 552
For Defendant securities firm at trial and on appeal of claim by sub-agent in corporate fundraising transaction. Raised several points of industry practice as well as detailed issues as to the construction of FSA Rules (in particular COB and COBS) and the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001 ("RAO") and whether certain activities of an investment bank and stockbroker were "designated investment business" within the RAO.

Energy and Natural Resources

"One of the best energy silks around." Legal 500 2025

Orlando Gledhill has a substantial energy and natural resources practice which includes some of the largest disputes in both litigation and arbitration as well as much smaller disputes. This includes claims concerning carbon emissions and carbon credits/offsets trading, other commodities trading (e.g., copper, nickel, iron, steel, oil, gas, LNG and gas condensate), renewables, upstream and downstream oil and gas, electricity, CHP, hydrogen and mining. He is frequently asked to advise some of the biggest players in the energy markets.

Orlando has particularly strong expertise in carbon emissions and carbon credits/offsets trading (EUAs, UKAs, CERs and VERs), having acted in many of the major carbon trading cases in the English courts (see **Bilta, CF Partners, Deutsche Bank and Ineos**) and cross-examined leading experts in the area.

Orlando has acted for liquidators in a dishonest assistance claim against NatWest Markets PLC (ex-RBS) arising out of carbon emissions trading, British Gas in a claim raising issues on the CERT scheme, oil majors in disputes arising from JOAs for exploration offshore Guyana and Kenya, a major Chinese wind farm in a dispute under from emissions reductions purchase agreements and for a state-owned Chinese geophysical prospecting company.

He has advised an oil and gas major on claims arising under an LNG throughput agreement, UK companies on long-term contracts to operate CHP plants, UK companies involved in waste to energy projects, a major UK energy supplier in relation to the procurement of smart metering systems; a party to agreements for oil exploration, production and transportation in disputes arising out of the secession of the Republic of South Sudan; advised an oil and gas major on potential claims arising from a gas leak offshore UK; a licensee involved in offshore UK oil exploration on a decommissioning security agreement; advised one of the world's largest steelmakers on natural resources investments in Australia and South Africa; one of the UK's largest gas groups on a substantial dispute (circa £100m) with a major gas transporter on access to a gas pipeline and in a shareholder dispute within a South African mining group.

CONFIDENTIAL (2025)
For oil major in contractual dispute over whether LNG met contract specification and whether port terminal entitled to refuse to accept delivery at short notice on safety grounds. Issues of LNG industry safety standards and practice.

CONFIDENTIAL (2025)
Advice in dispute concerning carbon emissions credits allegedly tainted by fraud. Issues as to whether the credits were fraudulently issued and whether they complied with the contractual standard.

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For Claimant (with Tim Lord QC and Richard Eschwege) in 8-week trial of breach of confidence action re Barclays' acquisition of Swedish carbon credit accumulator Tricorona. In-depth consideration of Kyoto Protocol Clean Development Mechanism, CER market, including Large Hydro CERs and valuation of CERs. Cross-examined carbon market experts.

Deutsche Bank v. Total Global Steel Ltd [2012] EWHC 1201 (Comm); [2012] Env. L.R D7
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Ineos Manufacturing Scotland Ltd v. Grangemouth CHP Ltd & Anr [2011] EWHC 163 (Comm); 2011 All ER (D) 139 (Feb)
For the Defendant, CHP plant owners and operators, with Ian Glick QC. €150m dispute concerning entitlement to EUAs arising out of the EU ETS and long-term contracts to sell electricity and steam.

Dana Petroleum (E&P) Ltd & Anr v. Woodside Energy (Kenya) Pty Ltd & Anr (Comm)
Liability issues involved the construction of production sharing contracts ("PSCs") made with the Government of Kenya, farm-in agreements between joint venturers under the PSCs and joint operating agreements. Damages issues included whether and to what extent hydrocarbons were present offshore Kenya, the feasibility and cost of extracting them, and the expected value to the Claimants of a discovery at a particular prospect in ultra-deep water offshore Kenya. Expert evidence in petroleum industry practice, geochemistry, geology, reservoir engineering, drilling engineering, facilities engineering, petroleum economics and accounting.

Double K. Oil Products 1996 Ltd v. Neste Oil Oyj [2009] EWHC 3380 (Comm)
For Neste in a substantial commercial arbitration in excess of US$100m re the supply of stable gas condensate from Russia to Finland and subsequent court challenge to the award. Expert evidence in 4 disciplines.

Civil Fraud and Investigations

"Incredibly sensible and hard-working. A very good advocate and a very good cross-examiner." "Very bright." Chambers UK 2018

Orlando Gledhill has acted in numerous claims alleging fraud, conspiracy and/or breach of fiduciary duty, including: fraudulent misrepresentation/deceit, dishonest assistance, intimidation, undue influence, misappropriation of company, trust and investment fund assets, rogue trading, fraudulent diversion of assets and business opportunities by company directors and employees, VAT (MTIC) fraud, fraudulent conspiracy to put assets beyond the reach of creditors, insurance fraud and misuse of confidential information. Considerable expertise in breach of confidence. His fraud work has frequently involved obtaining freezing orders, including worldwide freezing orders and other urgent relief.

Corvus Lights Aviation & anr v 777 Partners LLC & anr (Comm)
US$30 million claims under guarantees and indemnities in respect of a Canadian airline's obligations under 4 aircraft leases. Defendant Guarantor raises defences based on alleged conspiracy, wrongful seizure and conversion under Canadian law in relation to the Claimant lessors' repossession of 4 aircraft.

CONFIDENTIAL (2025)
Advice in claim to rescind share purchase agreement for deceit and breach of warranty.

CONFIDENTIAL (2025)
Advice in dispute concerning carbon emissions credits allegedly tainted by fraud.

Maranello Rosso Ltd v Lohomij BV, Bonhams 1793 Limited & Ors [2022] EWCA Civ 1667
For Defendants, Bonhams, in £70 million conspiracy and breach of fiduciary duty claim relating to the purchase and sale of a world-renowned collection of classic Ferraris. Claim was struck out at first instance and the Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal. Lead advocate for the separately-represented defendants on appeal on whether a settlement agreement released claims in fraud, dishonesty and conspiracy.

CONFIDENTIAL
For Defendant members of investment fund group in £75 million claims for breach of confidence, conspiracy, misrepresentation and other economic torts in relation to UK property investments.

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Global Display Solutions Ltd & Ors v NCR Financial Solutions Group Ltd & Ors [2021]EWHC 1119 (Comm), [2021] EWCA Civ 1399
For Defendant manufacturers of ATMs and point of sale systems, in claims by component suppliers arising out of the vertical integration of the Defendants' production. Claims included procuring breach of contract, deceit, unlawful means conspiracy, intimidation and exemplary damages. Lengthy cross-examination of Claimants' senior management witnesses.

Abraaj litigation
Advising a major investor and, separately, an officeholder in relation to disputes arising from the (US$ billions) insolvency of the Cayman-domiciled Abraaj private equity group, which invested principally in the Middle East and North Africa on behalf of investors worldwide.

Blockchain Optimization SA & anr v LFE Market Ltd [2020] EWHC 546 (Ch)
For Claimants in claims related to a start-up cryptocurrency project called London Football Exchange. Claims for: (i) fraudulent misrepresentation; (ii) breach of contract; (iii) conspiracy; and (iv) procuring breach of contract.

Kezen Trade Israel Ltd v Barclays Bank PLC (Comm)

For Barclays in liquidators' claim re £8.5 million payment by Claimant's director. Issues of the bank's *Quincecare* duty not to follow payment instructions when put "on inquiry" and of the director's authority under the account mandate.

Alexander Brothers Ltd v Alstom Transport SA and anr [2020] EWHC 1584 (Comm)
Alstom's application to set aside an order enforcing an arbitration award on the basis that it was contrary to public policy because the underlying consultancy agreements were tainted by illegality (bribery and corruption) in ABL's performance.

SKAT v Solo Capital Partners LLP & Ors (2019-2020) (Comm)
Advice to affiliate of a corporate Defendant in claim by the Danish tax administration against 69 Defendants for over £1.5 billion arising from allegedly fraudulent claims for refunds of Danish withholding tax on dividends.

Libyan Investment Authority v Goldman Sachs International [2016] EWHC 2530 (Ch)
For Goldman Sachs (with Robert Miles QC and Rupert Allen) in US$1.2 billion claim by the Claimant sovereign wealth fund to set aside equity derivatives transactions for alleged undue influence and/or as unconscionable bargains. 7-week trial in 2016 led to judgment for Goldman Sachs.

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Glitnir Banki HF v. Johannesson (Comm)
Obtained worldwide freezing order under s25 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (with Richard Gillis QC) re lending by Icelandic bank to vehicle connected to bank's major shareholders.

Sumitomo Corporation v. Credit Lyonnais Rouse Ltd (Comm)
For Sumitomo (with Christopher Carr QC and Daniel Toledano), in the massive litigation re the rogue derivatives trading of Sumitomo's chief copper trader, Yasuo Hamanaka. This litigation included two very substantial Commercial Court actions involving claims of dishonest assistance and breach of fiduciary duty against one of Sumitomo's London Metal Exchange (LME) brokers, which ran in parallel with large numbers of proceedings in the USA.

Arbitration

"*A Fantastic oral and written advocate, if I could use him on every case I would*." Legal 500 2018-2019 (International Arbitration)

Orlando Gledhill has considerable experience of ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, CIETAC, PCA and ICSID arbitrations as counsel and also accepts appointments as arbitrator (recently in LCIA and in PCA proceedings). He has also been involved in numerous industry association and ad hoc arbitrations.

LCIA Proceedings (2025)
For oil major in contractual dispute over whether LNG met contract specification and whether port terminal entitled to refuse to accept delivery at short notice on safety grounds. Issues of LNG industry safety standards and practice.

LCIA Proceedings (2025)
Advice in dispute concerning carbon emissions credits allegedly tainted by fraud. Issues as to whether the credits were fraudulently issued and whether they complied with the contractual standard.

PT Services Malta Limited v Tecnologia en Entretenimiento Caliplay, S.A.P.I. de C.V. & ors [2023] EWHC 3060 (Comm)

For Claimant member of Playtech gaming software group, obtained urgent anti-suit relief to restrain Mexican proceedings for breach of exclusive jurisdiction clause in favour of ICC arbitration. The case considers the relationship between s 37 Senior Courts Act and s 44 Arbitration Act 1996.

Alexander Brothers Ltd v Alstom Transport SA and anr [2020] EWHC 1584 (Comm)
For Defendant French train manufacturer, arising out of contracts for the sale of railway rolling stock in China. Alstom's application to set aside an order enforcing an arbitration award on the basis that it was contrary to public policy because the underlying consultancy agreements were tainted by illegality (bribery) in ABL's performance. The leading recent case on bribery and the public policy exception to enforcement in the English Courts of arbitral awards under the New York Convention (under English and EU law) and its inter-relation with abuse of process and issue estoppel. The Judgment re-assesses all the significant English case law in this area. It is also a significant case on when an order made without notice should be set aside for failure to make full and frank disclosure.

LCIA Proceedings
For Respondent Jersey art investment holding company in claim by joint venturer in dispute as to the value and ownership of a large collection of post-impressionist art (c. 10,000 items).

ICC Proceedings (Bucharest seat)
For Moldovan microfinance provider in dispute with former senior management (Moldovan parties). Issues included jurisdiction and anti-suit relief.

Rochester Resources & Ors v. Leonid L. Lebedev & Anr [2014] EWHC 2926 (Comm); [2014] EWHC 2185 (Comm)
For Defendant former Russian businessman (with Lord Grabiner QC) in US$2 billion dispute with Viktor Vekselberg and Leonard Blavatnik re TNK-BP joint venture and its purchase in 2013 by Rosneft. Defended anti-suit injunction application by the Claimants to restrain proceedings by Mr Lebedev in New York in favour of UNCITRAL arbitration in London. Consideration of s44 Arbitration Act 1996 and of the circumstances in which a third party may claim the benefit of an agreement to arbitrate.

CIETAC Proceedings (Beijing seat)
For major Chinese wind farm in dispute under emissions reductions purchase agreements (Chinese and Irish parties).

PCA Proceedings (Singapore seat)
Presiding Arbitrator in dispute under emissions reductions purchase agreement (Chinese and Dutch parties).

ICC Proceedings
For major international provider of geophysical prospecting services in US$90 million dispute under contracts for agency services (Chinese and English parties). 22 witnesses, addressing events dating back to 1996. Issues included jurisdiction and illegality.

PCA Proceedings
For carbon credit accumulator in US$20 million dispute under emissions reductions purchase agreement (Irish and Indian parties).

Ad Hoc Proceedings
For major US pharmaceutical manufacturer in US$100m Bermuda Form insurance coverage dispute.

LCIA Proceedings
For Indian clothing conglomerate in substantial disputes arising out of a joint venture with English, Cyprus and Jersey-registered co-venturers. Proceedings involved LCIA arbitration in London as well as litigation in London, the Netherlands and Poland. Obtained urgent (weekend) injunction in the High Court in support of pending and anticipated LCIA arbitrations to restrain breach of confidence and Commercial Court order for non-party disclosure.

LCIA Proceedings: Double K. Oil Products 1996 Ltd v. Neste Oil Oyj (Comm) [2010] 1 Lloyd's Rep. 141
For Respondent, Finnish oil company, in US$100 million dispute re the sale of gas condensate and in the Claimant's subsequent challenge in the Commercial Court under s68 Arbitration Act 1996 and thereafter on the Claimant's appeal to the Court of Appeal. Arbitration law issues also included security for costs and the applicable law of non-contractual claims.

LCIA Proceedings
For Respondent luxury jewellery brand in US$40 million dispute under an agreement for the exploitation of the brand in upmarket hotel and residential developments in United Arab Emirates (Cayman, BVI and UAE parties).

Prekons Insaat Sanayi AS v. Rowlands Castle Contracting Group Ltd (Comm) [2007] 1 Lloyd's Rep. 98
For Defendant in disputes under contracts governed by Turkish law re the activities of an English company in Iraq. Issues included whether a claim under a contract governed by an arbitration clause, raised by way of set-off, was a substantive defence under Turkish law such that a stay to arbitration should not be imposed under s9 Arbitration Act 1996.

Online Gaming, IT and Telecommunications

Orlando Gledhill has substantial experience of commercial aspects of IT cases. In particular, he has substantial experience of large-scale procurement projects, online gaming and software licensing.

PT Services Malta Limited v Tecnologica en Entretenimiento Caliplay, S.A.P.I. de C/V. & ors [2023] EWHC 3060 (Comm)
For Claimant member of Playtech gaming software group. Claims for €180 million in unpaid fees for software licensing and services. Issues as to breach of "commercial efforts" clause, availability of abatement defence and whether software is “goods”.

Education Software Solutions Ltd & Anr v Capita Managed IT Solutions Ltd (2023) (Ch)
For Claimant providers of schools information management software used by substantially all state schools in Northern Ireland in claims for declarations that Capita’s licence to use the software has expired, for injunctions and for an inquiry as to damages. Obtained order for an expedited trial.

CONFIDENTIAL
For major UK energy supplier in dispute with IT systems integrator re delivery of billing systems programme.

CONFIDENTIAL
For major energy network re threatened shut down of data centre.

Kiwix Ltd v Google Ireland Ltd (2018) (Ch)
For Google, defending claim for alleged wrongful termination of gaming website operator’s participation in Google’s AdSense program, which allows website publishers to earn revenue by displaying adverts alongside online content.

Be In, Inc. v Google Inc, YouTube LLC & Ors (2018 to 2019) (Comm)
For Google and YouTube in US$100 million breach of confidence claim by developer of video entertainment sharing platform alleging misuse of confidential business ideas. Consideration of obviousness/novelty of Claimant’s alleged ideas and whether aspects of Defendant’s platforms were independently developed.

Samvo Strategic Holdings Ltd v. Gross (Comm)
For Claimant, Cayman-incorporated gaming and entertainment business, in dispute with prospective joint venture partner re the provision of sports betting services.

WPC Productions Inc v. Clevedon Services Ltd & Ors
For members of the PartyGaming group, then one of the world's leading online gaming companies, (with Ian Glick QC), defending a very substantial claims in the BVI and Gibraltar arising out of the provision of access to an online gaming platform.

Acted for various IBM entities in QBD and TCC proceedings against users of software supplied or financed by IBM.

LM Solutions v. Oyster Partners
For Claimant, (now) Ocado Ltd, in dispute with its website designers.

Company and Insolvency

In the context of a broad commercial practice, Orlando Gledhill has experience of a variety of company and insolvency issues. He has acted and/or advised in numerous corporate and individual insolvency proceedings, in unfair prejudice petitions and acted for directors in directors' disqualification proceedings.

Other Significant Experience

Experience in a range of other sectors and numerous types of interim applications. He has been involved in a number of substantial professional negligence actions (including fund managers, accountants and solicitors). He also has wide experience of applications for freezing orders, anti-suit injunctions, stay applications, to strike out for

abuse of process, challenging validity of service and other interim orders (including orders in support of proceedings in other jurisdictions under s25 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982) and pre-action and non-party disclosure orders. Applications re letters of request under CPR 34 and the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act 1975 and challenges to claims to privilege.

Notable work includes:

PT Services Malta Limited v Tecnologia en Entretenimiento Caliplay, S.A.P.I. de C.V. & ors [2023] EWHC 3060 (Comm)
For Playtech, obtained anti-suit relief for breach of exclusive jurisdiction clauses and on the "vexatious and oppressive" ground.

Black v. Sumitomo Corporation [2002] 1 WLR 1562 (CA)
For Sumitomo (with Charles Hollander QC), the leading case on pre-action disclosure.

What the Directories Say

"a great leader who is tough in court. He is remarkably good at drafting." Chambers UK 2026 - Commercial Dispute Resolution

"He's very good, very measured and someone who thinks about things carefully. He gives extremely sensible advice and doesn't take bad points in court." Chambers UK 2026 - Commercial Dispute Resolution

"a tenacious and fearless advocate with a good commercial approach to litigation." Legal 500 2026 – Commercial Litigation

"His command of the details of a case is incredible." Legal 500 2026 – Fraud: Civil

"an incredible ability to digest immense amounts of information including complex and technical data, which he is able to bring down to earth in clear and simple language." Chambers UK 2026 – Energy and Natural Resources

"What distinguishes him is that he is very good at seeing the bigger picture, he is always looking ahead in the chess match to see what moves he can make." Chambers UK 2026 – Energy and Natural Resources

"He has a superb understanding of the law, of judicial practice and ... is also a great team player." Chambers UK 2025 - Banking and Finance

"Orlando is able to identify issues and grasp huge amounts of complex information very quickly. His advocacy is very smooth and he really knows how to handle strategic decisions." Legal 500 2025 – Commercial Litigation

"Orlando is very user-friendly and always up for getting into the thick of things. He provides clear and robust advice and is a calming presence in fast-paced litigation." Chambers UK 2025 - Commercial Dispute Resolution

"He is very adept at dealing with complicated issues and strong when in court." Chambers UK 2025 - Commercial Dispute Resolution

"Orlando is an incisive cross-examiner. He has a good client manner in that he is clear, easy to understand and a pleasure to deal with." Chambers UK 2025 - Commercial Dispute Resolution

"The surgical way he approaches a problem and looks for the solution is his greatest strength." Chambers UK 2025 – Energy and Natural Resources

"*Orlando is very user-friendly and dedicated to presenting his client's case as strongly as possible*." Legal 500 2025 – Fraud: Civil

"Orlando's incisive approach and sense of the absurd make him a pleasure to work with." Chambers UK 2024 - Banking and Finance

"He delivers advice with confidence and is an impressive advocate." Chambers UK 2024 - Banking and Finance

"Orlando Gledhill is very smart and incredibly hard working. His advice is clear and robust, and delivered in a way that is accessible for clients." Chambers UK 2024 - Commercial Dispute Resolution

"A very strong cross-examiner, who is incisive in his analysis of the legal issues in a case." Chambers UK 2024 - Commercial Dispute Resolution

"Orlando shows a lightning quick intellect, a refusal to settle for anything other than excellent, and is always approachable." Legal 500 2024 – Energy

"Orlando is superb and always delivers." Legal 500 2024 – Banking

"A very safe pair of hands for large, complex litigation. Excellent strategist. His advocacy is outstanding." Chambers UK 2023 Banking & Finance, Commercial Dispute Resolution

"treats every case with the enthusiasm and precision as if it was his first and never misses a beat" Legal 500 2022 Banking & Finance and Energy

"Thoughtful, very user-friendly, an excellent team player and a great advocate." Chambers UK 2021/2022 - Commercial Dispute Resolution

"One of my first choices for any intense commercial litigation. He is absolutely excellent." "He has a real instinctive sense about strategy; he is able to anticipate moves the other side might make. He is good on his feet, his drafting is extremely concise and punchy, and he understands and thinks through all the commercial angles." Chambers UK 2021/2022 - Banking & Finance

"He is clever, creative, constructive and provides concise advice and, equally important, is very approachable and works collaboratively with instructing solicitors to tight deadlines." "He is a very good advocate." "He is very responsive and intelligent." Chambers UK 2021/2022 - Energy

"He is a diligent, hands-on, capable advocate. He is very precise in his analysis and good at untangling difficult energy cases." "He really rolls his sleeves up and gets stuck in. He's a go-to for oil and gas work." Chambers Global 2021 – Energy

"Absolutely brilliant, superb and very client-friendly. He gets into the trenches." "He's direct, clear and doesn't sit on the fence." Chambers UK 2021 – Banking & Finance

"One of the best silks in this sector, he is analytically brilliant and a very effective cross-examiner." Legal 500 2020-2021 - Energy

"Very bright and creative but also user-friendly, he has excellent analytical skills and is a tactical adviser on litigation." Legal 500 2021-2022 - Energy

"Very good - quick and bright." "He is user-friendly, creative and practical." Chambers Global 2021 - Commercial

"A master tactician. He understands the commercial dynamics and drivers of a case instinctively, which is seamlessly integrated into his strategic advice. He stands out in particular for his advocacy, which is concise and punchy and highly effective." Legal 500 2021-2022 - Banking and Finance

"Fearless, always on top of the detail, determined to get the answer right, and not afraid to take on a judge." Legal 500 2020-2021 - Banking and Finance

"Superb and can cut straight to the core of a complicated issue. He has an amazing eye for detail and is a super advocate." "Orlando is incredibly accurate and surgical in his approach and is not afraid to take on a judge." Chambers UK 2020 - Banking & Finance

"Orlando has a very smooth and relaxed style which clients like, and an awful lot of experience." "A barrister with an excellent eye for the detail of any case, he's a very calm advocate who is forensic and measured." Chambers UK 2020 - Commercial Dispute Resolution

"His analytical skills are very high and on his feet he is a very proficient advocate. He has got a very orderly brain - he processes information really quickly and is pretty unflappable and calm as an advocate." "He has a forensic eye for detail." Chambers UK 2020 - Energy & Natural Resources

"A team player and a very tenacious advocate who prepares for cases brilliantly." Legal 500 2019-2020 - Energy

"A fantastic oral and written advocate, if I could use him on every case I would." Legal 500 2018-2019 - International Arbitration

"Shows a fierce commitment to the job in hand and is excellent on his feet." Legal 500 2018-2019 - Commercial Litigation

"Orlando is a fantastic lawyer and one of the best draftsmen I've come across. His ability to say things in a short number of words is unparalleled. He captures things in a punchy way." "His drafting and strategic advice are exemplary." (Chambers UK 2017)

Education

Queen's University, Canada (1988-1992) - BA (Hons) English (1st Class). Six scholarships and awards at Queen's University and named to Dean's List (top 3% of year)

Corpus Christi College, Oxford (1992-1994) - M.Phil English. British Academy Major State Studentship (1992-94)

City University (1996-1997) - Diploma in Law (Distinction). City University Centenary Scholarship (1996). Inner Temple Major Scholarship (1997)

Awards

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