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Scope of Practice

• Arbitration • Banking and Financial Services • Civil Fraud and Investigations • Commercial Litigation • Competition • Energy and Natural Resources • Group Litigation • Public Law • Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws

Overview

Veena is recommended as a Leading Junior in commercial litigation, commercial dispute resolution, banking and finance and group litigation. She is described in Chambers and Partners 2026 as *"so clever and so thorough about the way she approaches a case"* and in Legal 500 2026 as having *"an exceptionally astute legal mind and a sharp instinct for case strategy"*. In previous editions, she was praised for her ability to *"turn her hand to anything"* and for her legal knowledge: *"If you need to know an answer to a particularly tricky legal point Veena will deliver it."*

Veena is regularly instructed in complex and high-value commercial disputes. Veena's recent instructions include acting for BHP in *Municipio de Mariana v BHP Group (UK) Ltd* (one of *The Lawyer's* top cases for 2020, 2022 and 2024), for Dyson in claims arising from its supply chain, for INEOS in breach of warranty claims and for Mastercard in interchange fee litigation. Alongside cases where she acts as part of a counsel team, Veena regularly acts as sole counsel especially for financial institutions.

Before coming to the Bar, Veena taught Administrative Law at Cambridge University and has a particular interest in cases raising public law issues. Veena maintains an active interest in academic law and her work has been published in leading journals including the Law Quarterly Review, the Journal of Private International Law and Civil Justice Quarterly.

Veena's recent and notable instructions include:

Municipio de Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc and BHP Group Ltd: Acting (with Daniel Toledano KC, Shaheed Fatima KC, Nicholas Sloboda KC and Victoria Windle KC) for BHP in the group action brought by over 600,000 claimants arising from the collapse of the Fundão Dam in Brazil.

Limbu & Ors v Dyson: Acting (with Lord Wolfson KC and Nicholas Sloboda KC) for Dyson in claims relating to working conditions in Dyson's third-party Malaysian supply chain.

Synthos SA v INEOS: Acting (with Conall Patton KC) for INEOS in claims for breach of warranty and fraud arising from the sale of a former subsidiary.

MIF Umbrella Claimants v Mastercard & Visa: Acting (with Sonia Tolaney KC and others) for Mastercard in claims for losses arising out of interchange fees and scheme rules.

Commercial and Interregional Card Claims I Ltd & Commercial and Interregional Card Claims II Ltd v Mastercard Inc & Ors: Acting (with Sonia Tolaney KC and others) for Mastercard in collective proceedings seeking damages for interchange fees.

Advising (with Sebastian Isaac KC) shareholders in substantial claims against a real estate investment trust and its former directors alleging deceit and liability for false and misleading statements under FSMA.

Hashwah & Ors v Qatar National Bank & Ors, BB & Ors v Al Khayyat & Ors: Acting (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for a Gulf financial institution in Commercial Court proceedings alleging involvement in terrorist financing in Syria.

Examples of Recent Cases

Arbitration

ICC Proceedings: Acted (with Alex Gunning KC and others) for a Dutch infrastructure investment company in a dispute worth over $2bn with its joint venture partner in relation to the building of a deep water grain terminal on the Russian Black Sea coast. Veena cross-examined an expert in the field of marine infrastructure.

Banking and Financial Services

Veena is recommended as a Leading Junior (Tier 3) by Legal 500 2027 in Banking & Finance.

Veena has real experience acting unled for financial institutions, including HSBC and Santander. Veena's recent work in this area includes a variety of cases from shareholder disputes to group claims:

Advising (with Sebastian Isaac KC) shareholders in substantial claims against a real estate investment trust and its former directors alleging deceit and liability for false and misleading statements under FSMA.

MIF Umbrella Claimants v Mastercard & Visa: Acting (with Sonia Tolaney KC and others) for Mastercard in claims for losses arising out of interchange fees and scheme rules.

Commercial and Interregional Card Claims I Ltd & Commercial and Interregional Card Claims II Ltd v Mastercard Inc & Ors: Acting (with Sonia Tolaney KC and others) for Mastercard in collective proceedings seeking damages for interchange fees.

Hashwah & Ors v Qatar National Bank & Ors: Acting (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for a Gulf financial institution in Commercial Court proceedings alleging involvement in terrorist financing in Syria. The Court declared that one set of proceedings brought by the Claimants was barred by state immunity: [2022] EWHC 2242 (Comm).

BB & Ors v Al Khayyat & Ors: Acting (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for a Gulf financial institution in King's Bench Division proceedings alleging involvement in terrorist financing in Syria. Judgments include: [2023] EWCA Civ 253, [2020] EWHC 3567 (QB); [2021] EWHC 2551 (QB).

Hamilton v HSBC (KBD): Acted as sole counsel for HSBC in contempt proceedings brought by an individual alleging non-compliance with a third party disclosure order.

Gallery Interiors (South East) Ltd v Santander (KBD): Acted as sole counsel for Santander in proceedings arising out of the Russian sanctions regime.

Bluerock & Nationwide: Veena has acted for Bluerock and Nationwide in a number of claims brought by the institutions to enforce guarantees.

Astor v Atalaya [2022] EWHC 628 (Comm): Successfully acted for Astor (with Anna Boase KC) in the trial of Astor's

claim for outstanding consideration for the sale of the Rio Tinto Mine.

Evison Holdings Ltd v International Co Finvision Holdings and Orient Express PJSC [2019] EWHC 3057 (Comm): Appeared (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for the Russian Bank Orient Express resisting the continuation of an anti-suit injunction in respect of proceedings in the Arbitrazh Court in Russia.

Civil Fraud and Investigations

Synthos v INEOS: Acting (with Conall Patton KC) for INEOS in claims for breach of warranty and fraud arising from the sale of a former subsidiary.

Beijing Songxianghu Architectural Decoration Engineering Co. Ltd v Kam: Acted (with Nicholas Sloboda KC) for the defendant at the return date of a high-value cross-border freezing injunction arising from proceedings in Hong Kong.

Magomedov v TPG & Ors: Acted (with Simon Colton KC and others) for two defendants in the high-value and high-profile claims brought by Magomedov alleging unlawful means conspiracy in an early stage application.

Advising (with Sebastian Isaac KC) shareholders in substantial claims against a real estate investment trust and its former directors alleging deceit and liability for false and misleading statements under FSMA.

Advising (with Sebastian Isaac KC) shareholders in substantial claims against a technology company and its former directors alleging deceit and liability for false and misleading statements under FSMA.

Commercial Litigation

Veena is ranked as a Leading Junior (Band 5) for Commercial Dispute Resolution in Chambers and Partners 2027 and as a Leading Junior (Tier 5) for Commercial Litigation in Legal 500.

Veena's recent notable instructions include:

Synthos v INEOS: Acting (with Conall Patton KC) for INEOS in claims for breach of warranty and fraud arising from the sale of a former subsidiary.

Limbu & Ors v Dyson: Acting (with Lord Wolfson KC and Nicholas Sloboda KC) for Dyson in claims relating to working conditions in Dyson's third-party Malaysian supply chain.

Municipio de Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc and BHP Group Ltd: Acting (with Daniel Toledano KC, Shaheed Fatima KC, Nicholas Sloboda KC and Victoria Windle KC) for BHP in the group action brought by over 600,000 claimants arising from the collapse of the Fundão Dam in Brazil.

Advising (with Sebastian Isaac KC) shareholders in substantial claims against a real estate investment trust and its former directors alleging deceit and liability for false and misleading statements under FSMA.

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Commercial and Interregional Card Claims I Ltd & Commercial and Interregional Card Claims II Ltd v Mastercard Inc & Ors: Acting (with Sonia Tolaney KC and others) for Mastercard in collective proceedings seeking damages for interchange fees.

Astor v Atalaya [2022] EWHC 628 (Comm): Successfully acted for Astor (with Anna Boase KC) in the trial of Astor's claim for outstanding consideration for the sale of the Rio Tinto Mine.

Hashwah & Ors v Qatar National Bank & Ors, BB & Ors v Al Khayyat & Ors: Acting (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for a Gulf financial institution in Commercial Court proceedings alleging involvement in terrorist financing in Syria.

Competition

Synthos v INEOS: Acting (with Conall Patton KC) for INEOS in claims for breach of warranty and fraud arising from the sale of a former subsidiary. The claims concerned breach of warranty relating to anti-competitive conduct, and underlying competition law issues.

MIF Umbrella Claimants v Mastercard & Visa: Acted (with Sonia Tolaney KC and others) for Mastercard in claims for losses arising out of interchange fees and scheme rules. Veena appeared in the six-week Trial 1 on liability issues.

Commercial and Interregional Card Claims I Ltd & Commercial and Interregional Card Claims II Ltd v Mastercard Inc & Ors: Acted (with Sonia Tolaney KC and others) for Mastercard in collective proceedings seeking damages for interchange fees.

Energy and Natural Resources

Municipio de Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc and BHP Group Ltd: Acting (with Daniel Toledano KC, Shaheed Fatima KC, Nicholas Sloboda KC and Victoria Windle KC) for BHP in the group action brought by over 600,000 claimants arising from the collapse of the Fundão Dam in Brazil.

Astor v Atalaya [2022] EWHC 628 (Comm): Successfully acted for Astor (with Anna Boase KC) in the trial of Astor's claim for outstanding consideration for the sale of the Rio Tinto Mine.

Group Litigation and Collective Proceedings

Veena is ranked as Leading Junior (Band 4) in Group Litigation by Chambers and Partners 2027, and described as having "*appeared in some of the highest-profile and most novel group claims taking place in recent times. She has in-depth knowledge of jurisdiction issues that can arise and has experience acting at many levels of court including the Court of Appeal*."

Veena has extensive and varied experience in group litigation. Her notable instructions include:

Municipio de Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc and BHP Group Ltd: Acting (with Daniel Toledano KC, Shaheed Fatima KC, Nicholas Sloboda KC and Victoria Windle KC) for BHP in the group action brought by over 600,000 claimants arising from the collapse of the Fundão Dam in Brazil.

Limbu & Ors v Dyson: Acting (with Lord Wolfson KC and Nicholas Sloboda KC) for Dyson in claims relating to working conditions in Dyson's third-party Malaysian supply chain.

Advising (with Sebastian Isaac KC) shareholders in substantial claims against a real estate investment trust and its former directors alleging deceit and liability for false and misleading statements under FSMA.

MIF Umbrella Claimants v Mastercard & Visa: Acting (with Sonia Tolaney KC and others) for Mastercard in claims for losses arising out of interchange fees and scheme rules.

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Hashwah & Ors v Qatar National Bank & Ors: Acting (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for a Gulf financial institution in Commercial Court proceedings alleging involvement in terrorist financing in Syria. The Court declared that one set of proceedings brought by the Claimants was barred by state immunity: [2022] EWHC 2242 (Comm).

BB & Ors v Al Khayyat & Ors: Acting (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for a Gulf financial institution in King's Bench Division proceedings alleging involvement in terrorist financing in Syria. Judgments include: [2023] EWCA Civ 253, [2020] EWHC 3567 (QB); [2021] EWHC 2551 (QB).

Advising (with Sebastian Isaac KC) shareholders in substantial claims against a technology company and its former directors alleging deceit and liability for false and misleading statements under FSMA.

Advising (with Alain Choo Choy KC and Nehali Shah) a number of investment funds and asset managers in claims alleging interference with A1P1 rights.

Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws

Municipio de Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc and BHP Group Ltd: Acting (with Charles Gibson KC, Daniel Toledano KC, Shaheed Fatima KC, Nicholas Sloboda KC and others) for BHP in the group action brought by over 600,000 claimants against BHP Group Plc and BHP Group Ltd. Veena acted for BHP in its jurisdiction challenges both at first instance and in the 5-day appeal before the Court of Appeal.

Hashwah & Ors v Qatar National Bank & Ors: Acting (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for a Gulf financial institution in Commercial Court proceedings alleging involvement in terrorist financing in Syria. The Court declared that one set of proceedings brought by the Claimants was barred by state immunity: [2022] EWHC 2242 (Comm).

BB & Ors v Al Khayyat & Ors: Acting (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for a Gulf financial institution in King's Bench Division proceedings alleging involvement in terrorist financing in Syria. Judgments include: [2023] EWCA Civ 253, [2020] EWHC 3567 (QB); [2021] EWHC 2551 (QB).

Evison Holdings Ltd v International Co Finvision Holdings and Orient Express PJSC [2019] EWHC 3057 (Comm): Appeared (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for the Russian Bank Orient Express resisting the continuation of an anti-suit injunction in respect of proceedings in the Arbitrazh Court in Russia.

Public Law

Hashwah & Ors v Qatar National Bank & Ors: Acting (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for a Gulf financial institution in Commercial Court proceedings alleging involvement in terrorist financing in Syria. The Court declared that one set of proceedings brought by the Claimants was barred by state immunity: [2022] EWHC 2242 (Comm).

BB & Ors v Al Khayyat & Ors: Acting (with Hannah Brown KC and Sandy Phipps) for a Gulf financial institution in King's Bench Division proceedings alleging involvement in terrorist financing in Syria. Judgments include: [2023] EWCA Civ 253, [2020] EWHC 3567 (QB); [2021] EWHC 2551 (QB).

Advising (with Alain Choo Choy KC and Nehali Shah) a number of investment funds and asset managers in claims alleging interference with A1P1 rights.

Before coming to the Bar, Veena taught Administrative Law at Cambridge University and has a particular interest in cases involving public law as a result.

Veena's paper *Suspending Invalidity while Keeping Faith with Nullity* [2015] PL 596 has been widely cited, including in The Public Law Project's Consultation Response to the Proposals for reform of Judicial Review (April 2021); and D Feldman, *Anisminic Ltd v Foreign Compensation Commission* [1968]: In Perspective, in *Landmark Cases in Public Law* (edited by Satvinder Juss and Maurice Sunkin, 2017).

What the Directories Say

Legal 500 2027 (Commercial Litigation) – *'One of the best of her generation. A rising star and destined for greatness. A brilliant advocate and thoroughly committed. Even by the exceptionally high standards of One Essex Court, Veena stands out. She's also extremely hard-working and a real team player.'*

Chambers & Partners 2027 (Commercial Dispute Resolution) – *'Veena is excellent at recognising the wider context in which a question arises and can look at it from all angles. Her written advocacy is focused, direct and persuasive.'*

Chambers & Partners 2027 (Commercial Dispute Resolution) – *'Veena is outstanding in every sense. She is very clever, highly efficient and exceptionally nice to work with.'*

Chambers & Partners 2027 (Commercial Dispute Resolution) – *'Veena is very good at getting on top of the detail and providing good judgement calls.'*

Chambers & Partners 2027 (Commercial Dispute Resolution) – *'She has an excellent drafting style and is an effective written advocate.'*

Chambers & Partners 2027 (Commercial Dispute Resolution) – *'Veena is extremely diligent and responsive and an asset to any team. She provides calm and measured advice.'*

Chambers & Partners 2027 (Group Litigation) – *'She is outstanding in every sense: she's very clever, efficient and very nice to work with. Her drafting is excellent and the work is stand out.'*

Chambers & Partners 2027 (Group Litigation) – *'She's very good and very calm in court. She's very impressive.'*

Chambers & Partners 2027 (Group Litigation) – *'She has been doing a fantastic job.'*

Chambers & Partners 2027 (Group Litigation) – *'She is excellent. She's very clever, very good at getting on top of the detail and making good judgement calls. She drafts beautifully.'*

Chambers & Partners 2026 (Commercial Dispute Resolution) – *'A pleasure to work with and a calming presence on any team. Veena combines highly sophisticated mastery of detail with an astute eye for the bigger picture that is exceptional for one of her level.'*

Chambers & Partners 2026 (Group Litigation) – *'Veena is superb. She's so clever and so thorough about the way she approaches a case and really thinks through how to present an argument. Her advice is deceptively simple and yet correct.'*

Chambers & Partners 2026 (Group Litigation) – *'Veena is a pleasure to work with as she understands well both client and solicitor needs and works very well within a large team. She has an eye for the detail.'*

Legal 500 2026 (Commercial Litigation) – *'Veena has an exceptionally astute legal mind and a sharp instinct for case strategy. She can quickly assess whether a particular approach is likely to succeed, and she is committed to ensuring every aspect of a case is on the strongest possible footing.'*

Legal 500 2026 (Banking and Finance) – *'Veena is absolutely lovely and incredibly clever. She is hard working, manages her time well and always delivers on time. She is a delight to deal with.'*

Chambers & Partners 2025 (Group Litigation) - *'Veena can turn her hand to anything.'*

Chambers & Partners 2025 (Group Litigation) - 'Veena *is incredibly bright, which shines through in her work. She is far beyond her years in terms of technical skill and judgement.'*

Chambers & Partners 2025 (Group Litigation) -*'Veena is incredibly hard-working, very focused and has good judgement for someone who is reasonably junior.'*

Chambers & Partners 2025 (Group Litigation) - *'Veena is a joy to work with and incredibly conscientious in how she approaches matters. She appraises and discusses the issues raised by a claim in a very lucid way.'*

Chambers & Partners 2025 (Commercial Dispute Resolution) - *'Veena is a very strong junior who is good on the detail and can see the wider strategic picture.'*

Chambers & Partners 2025 (Commercial Dispute Resolution) - *'Hard-working, diligent and precise, she fits into a team really well.'*

Legal 500 2025 (Commercial Litigation - Rising Star) - *'Her written work is excellent. She is diligent, brilliant at the details and a pleasure to work with.'*

Legal 500 2025 (Banking and Finance) - *'Veena is a pleasure to work with. She is very responsive, and delivers well beyond her year of call.'*

Legal 500 2024 (Commercial Litigation) - '*Veena has excellent judgement and is a key junior barrister to whom firms regularly turn to instruct. She writes clearly and concisely, and is very quick to grasp key issues.'*

Chambers & Partners 2024 (Group Litigation) - *'Veena is technically excellent and gives sound tactical advice. She is a pleasure to work with and is knowledgeable beyond her year of call.'*

Chambers & Partners 2024 (Group Litigation) - *'A very analytical black-letter lawyer. If you need to know an answer to a particularly tricky legal point Veena will deliver it.'*

Chambers & Partners 2024 (Commercial Dispute Resolution) - *'Veena is a rising star of the future. She is incredibly*

clever, very user-friendly and an absolute joy to work with.'

Chambers & Partners 2024 (Commercial Dispute Resolution) - '*Veena has an enviable work ethic and is working at a level far beyond her years of experience.'*

Publications

The governing law of contribution claims: looking beyond Roberts v SSAFA, Journal of Private International Law, 19(3), 362–382

Non-parties and arbitration agreements, LQR 2023 139 (Oct), 541-546

Within and without – in-house lawyers and legal advice privilege: *A v B* [2020] EWHC 1492 (Ch), *UTB LLC v Sheffield United Ltd* [2019] EWHC 914 (Ch) and *Civil Aviation Authority v R. (Jet2.com Ltd)* [2020] EWCA Civ 35, Civil Justice Quarterly 2021, Issue 40(3), 217-224

Patel v Mirza: A Tale of Insider Trading and Illegality in the Supreme Court [2017] Cambridge Law Review 1

A Difference in Kind: Proportionality and Wednesbury [2016] IALS Student Law Review, Volume 4, Issue 1, 44-46

Suspending invalidity while keeping faith with nullity [2015] Public Law, Issue 4, 596-613

Education

BPTC, BPP Law School London (Very Competent) [2016-2017]

Harvard Law School, LLM (Master of Laws) [2014-2015]

University of Cambridge, BA Law (Honours) (First, ranked 7th in year) [2011-2014]

Academic Achievements

Overseas Placement Award, Lincoln's Inn [2017]

Winner, Inter-Inn Mooting Competition [2017]

Regional Finalist (London), BPP Internal Mooting Competition [2016-2017]

Winner, Lincoln's Inn Inter-provider Mooting Competition [2017]

Lord Mansfield Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn [2016]

Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn [2016]

Excellence Award, BPP Law School [2016]

Cambridge-Harvard Exchange Scholarship [2014]

Foundation Scholar for Downing College [2014]

James William Squire Scholarship [2013]

John Hall Prize for Family Law [2013]

Seton Cavendish Prize, Downing College [2013]

Harris Scholar, Downing College [2012-14]

Rebecca Squire Scholarship [2012]

K Wilsey and K Lerch Prize, Downing College [2012]

Other Experience

Veena regularly volunteers on the CLIPS Rota providing *pro bono* assistance for litigants-in-person.

Veena is actively involved in initiatives within Chambers to promote diversity in recruitment to the Bar. She has mentored a number of students through the Women at the Commercial Bar Mentoring Scheme and the COMBAR Mentoring Scheme for Under-represented Groups.

Before coming to the Bar, Veena taught Administrative Law at Cambridge University (Downing College). She was also a *stagiaire* to Judge Vajda at the Court of Justice of the European Union in 2018, and worked at the Law Commission between 2015 and 2016.

Awards





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