

## Anca Bunda

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Anca has a broad commercial practice spanning most of 3VB's core practice areas, including banking, financial services and regulation, insolvency, cryptoassets, international arbitration, and general commercial disputes. She is often instructed as junior counsel in high-value cases and complex international arbitrations but is equally comfortable appearing as sole counsel. Before coming to the Bar, Anca was the Judicial Assistant to Sir Geoffrey Vos, in the Court of Appeal, where she gained experience in a broad range of civil disputes. Anca also assisted Sir Geoffrey Vos with his work on the Cryptoassets Taskforce report.

Current and recent instructions include:

- Acting in a \$150M dispute over the valuation and viability of a mine in Russia (LCIA, London seat, English law) (led by Peter de Verneuil Smith QC and Dominic Kennelly).
- Acting for a crypto-ATM provider in an FCA RDC hearing (involving issues of AML/CTF compliance) (led by Farhaz Khan QC).
- Advising the liquidators of an LLP regarding potential claims against former directors (led by William Day).
- Acting as sole counsel for a defendant in a claim under the Partnership Act 1890.
- Regularly acting for financial institutions defending Consumer Credit Act 1974 claims, including HSBC UK Bank PLC, Santander Cards UK Limited, Lloyds Bank PLC, MBNA Limited and Barclays Bank.
- Acting for a claimant commencing an ad-hoc Dubai-seated arbitration following the dissolution of the DIFC-LCIA (led by Matthew Watson)

## Expertise

### Arbitration and Related Court Applications

- UNCITRAL arbitration between two major drinks manufacturers arising out of the termination of a cost-sharing agreement, including claims for compensation under the Commercial Agents Regulations (as a pupil, supervised by Christopher Bond)
- An LCIA arbitration of trade finance insurance disputes arising from Singapore/India commodities trades (as a pupil, supervised by Peter Ratcliffe)
- An ICSID Arbitration between Nova Group Investments BV and Romania (as a pupil, led by Christopher Harris QC and Kate Holderness)

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## **Banking & Financial Services**

- A series of claims brought by a public limited company against various investment banks for misuse of confidential information and market price manipulation (as a pupil, supervised by Farhaz Khan QC)
- An injunction granted to a FTSE 100 company prohibiting payment under a guarantee structure involving banks in London and the Middle East (as a pupil, supervised by Farhaz Khan QC)
- A claim by a consortium of Indian banks seeking repayment of 70 mil USD against a borrower and guarantor (as a pupil, supervised by Cleon Catsambis)

## **Civil Fraud & Asset Tracing**

- A dispute in the UK Supreme Court between the Crown Prosecution Service and a company regarding the relationship between illegality and attribution (Crown Prosecution Service v Acquila Advisory Ltd (Respondent) UKSC 2019/0105) (as a pupil, with Andrew Sutcliffe QC and Anne Jeavons)

## **Commercial Dispute Resolution**

- Acting for a claimant in an application to serve proceedings out of jurisdiction and by alternative means as part of a high-value commercial dispute (led by William Day)
- A claim for repudiatory breach arising during the Covid-19 pandemic (as a pupil, supervised by Cleon Catsambis)
- Acted for an international payment provider in a contractual dispute regarding an alleged breach of the provider's terms and conditions (as sole counsel)

## **Conflict of Laws/Private International Law**

- An application to contest jurisdiction of the English Court, brought by a Swiss Company under Articles 27-30 of the Lugano Convention (as a pupil, supervised by Farhaz Khan QC)

## **Cryptoassets**

- Acting for a crypto-ATM provider in an RDC hearing (involving issues of AML/CTF compliance) (led by Farhaz Khan QC).

## **Insurance & Reinsurance**

- An LCIA arbitration of trade finance insurance disputes arising from Singapore/India commodities trades (as a pupil, supervised by Peter Ratcliffe)

## **Education**

BPTC, Very Competent (2018)

LLM, Harvard Law School (2017)

BCL, Mansfield College (2016)

LLB, First Class, LSE (2015)

## **Awards**

LSE Class Teacher Award, Law Department (2020)

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn: Lord Denning Scholarship (2017), Accommodation Award (2017); Hardwicke Entrance Award (2017)

LSE: Blackstone Chambers EU Law Prize (2014); 1<sup>st</sup> in the year in Advanced Torts (2014)

## **Languages**

Romanian (native speaker)

Spanish (intermediate)