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Clarissa is developing a busy practice spanning most of 3VB's key practice areas, including banking, civil fraud and asset recovery, financial services and regulation, general commercial disputes and insurance. Clarissa is regularly instructed in an advisory capacity and in relation to ongoing litigation and arbitration proceedings. She regularly appears as part of a counsel team in courts of all levels but is equally comfortable unled, regularly appearing in her own right in the County Court and the High Court.

Current and recent instructions include:

- *Strategic Technologies v Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of China*: successfully acting for the Ministry of National Defence of Taiwan in an appeal relating to enforceability of a foreign "judgement on a judgment" (CoA judgment: [2020] EWCA Civ 1604) (led by Andrew Onslow QC) and then also successfully acting (unled) in two consequential applications for a debarring order and an order for set off between orders
- LCIA arbitration: dispute between M&A advisor and client in relation to prospective success fees (led by Andrew Onslow QC)
- Successfully representing banks in the County Court in various interim applications (often applications to set aside default judgment)
- Acting on behalf of the defendant in an ongoing c.£10million civil fraud claim relating to the management of trust assets, including a recent *forum non conveniens* jurisdiction challenge (led by David Head QC)
- *National Crime Agency v Nuttall*: acting for the NCA in long running civil recovery proceedings involving the alleged laundering of the proceeds of a vast PAYE and NI fraud through companies in a number of jurisdictions (led by Andrew Sutcliffe QC)
- Successfully acting for the National Crime Agency in an application under POCA for a forfeiture order against a respondent utilising an illegal underground banking network known as "Chinese Underground Banking" (unled)
- Advising in relation to prospective proceedings against an offshore asset holding company in relation to valuable art and assets held by the company (led by Andrew Onslow QC)
- *FCA v Forster & Ors*: acting for the first claimant in ongoing proceedings relating to an alleged collective investment scheme involving investments in a number of UK care homes (led by Saima Hanif QC)
- Advising a luxury goods retailer in relation to a prospective FOS claim against their bank for breaches relating to the cashing of a cheque and online banking services (unled)
- *QED v AAG & Ors*: successfully acting for the defendants in a 1-week trial of a claim for

alleged breaches of post-completion obligations arising following the sale of an accountancy business (led by Saima Hanif QC)

- LCIA arbitration: c.\$2million claim for failure to open a letter of credit under a sale of goods contract involving Covid-related force majeure arguments (led by Nick Craig QC)
- *Zymurgorium v Hammonds of Knutsford*: acting for an alcohol wholesaler in a two-week High Court trial relating to the alleged breach of a master wholesaler agreement (High Court judgment: [2021] EWHC 2295 (Ch)) (led by William Edwards)
- Advising a film company seeking coverage under a business interruption insurance policy for Covid-related losses (unled)

Further, during her pupillage (2019-2020), Clarissa assisted her supervisors and other members of Chambers in a number of important cases, including:

- *SKAT v Solo Capital Partners & Ors*: Ongoing multi-billion-pound fraud claim brought by the Danish tax authorities (assisting Andrew Onslow QC, Tom De Vecchi and Sophia Dzwig)
- *Avonwick Holdings v Azitio Holdings & Ors*: One of the largest recent Commercial Court claims involving a complex set of disputes between Ukrainian oligarchs, their corporate vehicles and various third parties under Ukrainian and English law (High Court judgment: [2020] EWHC 1844 (Comm)) (assisting Peter Ratcliffe)
- *Loches Capital v Goldman Sachs*: Successful pre-action disclosure application against Goldman Sachs relating to the circumstances of the ArcelorMittal merger in 2007 (High Court judgment: [2020] EWHC 2327 (Comm)) (assisting Richard Salter QC and Lisa Lacob)
- *Punjab National Bank v Vishal & Ors*: US\$22m claim brought by Punjab National Bank in relation to the non-payment of a series of loan agreements and associated guarantees which raised a number of complex issues relating to applications for permission to serve out of the jurisdiction (High Court judgment: [2020] EWHC 1962 (Comm)) (assisting Tom De Vecchi)
- *Cole v Carpenter*: application by the defendants for permission to make a contempt application against the claimant in proceedings for a declaration that the claimant was given, under an oral contract, the exclusive right to sell Pablo Picasso's "Le Sauvetage" or "The Rescue" (High Court judgment: [2020] EWHC 3155 (Ch)) (assisting Yash Bheeroo)

Before becoming a barrister, Clarissa studied History at the University of Oxford, specialising in the politics of 19th century French art. After leaving university, she spent time assisting an Iraqi-Canadian contemporary artist. With this background, Clarissa is always interested in cases relating to art and cultural artefacts.

In the interim year between Bar school and pupillage, Clarissa spent a year working as a paralegal in Linklaters' Structured Finance Group. During this year, she worked on a number of multi-jurisdictional transactions including high-value loan portfolio sales, swaps, covered bonds and secured group financing structures in the utilities and retail sectors. In addition, she spent three months in industry, working at High Speed 1 (the highspeed railway connecting London and the Channel Tunnel).

Expertise

Education

- LLM, City Law School (2018), *“Should the courts be more or less willing to us passport orders to support civil fraud litigation?”*
- BPTC, City Law School (2018)
- GDL, City Law School (2017)
- BA (Hons), History, First Class, The University of Oxford, Trinity College (2016)
- International Baccalaureate Diploma, 45/45, Stephen Perse Foundation, Cambridge (2013)

Scholarships and Prizes

- The Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn, Lord Denning Scholarship (2017)
- The Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn, Hardwicke Entrance Award (2017),
- The Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn, Lord Haldane Scholarship (2016)
- The University of Oxford, Trinity College, Finals Prize (2016)
- The University of Oxford, Trinity College, Britton Travel Grant (2016)
- The University of Oxford, Trinity College, Academic Scholarship (2015)
- The University of Oxford, Trinity College, History Prize (2015)
- The University of Oxford, Trinity College, Ford Exhibition (2014)