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Year Of Call: **2018**



Ivana has experience across Chambers' main practice areas, including banking, financial services, civil fraud, insolvency and general commercial litigation, and has appeared as a sole advocate in the County Court and the High Court.

Ivana is fluent in French and Bulgarian, with an intermediate level of Russian and Dutch.

In 2018, Ivana spent five weeks in Israel, undertaking a placement at Israel's premier law firm, Herzog, Fox & Neeman and shadowing Judge Tal Havkin in the Shalom Court in Tel Aviv and Judge Uzi Vogelmann in the Supreme Court in Jerusalem.

Between October 2019 and February 2020, Ivana was seconded to one of the leading law firms for civil fraud, where she assisted partners and associates in making and defending applications for committal and freezing injunctions (including against the fugitive art dealer Inigo Philbrick, who defrauded art collectors out of more than \$86 million).

Current and recent instructions include:

- Acting in the "NOx emissions" litigation as junior counsel for a number of French car manufacturers (led by William Norris QC and Edmund Townsend).
- Acting for 161 potential claimants intending to bring a group action for professional negligence against several firms of solicitors in relation to failed property investments (led by Andrew Sutcliffe QC).
- Assisting Rory Phillips QC in the context of the appeals process for customers impacted by the £1bn fraud scandal at HBOS, established by him as part of Lloyds Banking Group's implementation of the recommendations of The Cranston Review.
- Acting for a defendant private investigator in two connected sets of proceedings (one of which is *RAKIA v Azima*, a dispute between the Ras al-Khaimah sovereign wealth fund and an airline tycoon) for breach of confidence involving allegations of covert surveillance and hacking (led by Andrew Fletcher QC).
- Acting for a defendant bank in a group action involving allegations of misrepresentation and breaches of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 and FSMA (led by Adam Kramer QC).
- Acting as sole counsel for a defendant ex-employee in a claim by their former employer involving allegations of breach of confidence, copyright and database rights.

Expertise

Experience

Before taking tenancy, Ivana assisted her supervisors and other members in carrying out research and drafting opinions, application notices, witness statements, pleadings and skeleton arguments, for cases in the County Court, High Court and Court of Appeal:

Civil Fraud

- \$2bn+ dispute relating to Ukrainian assets.
- £1.34bn worldwide freezing order against a Russian national.
- \$400m dispute relating to the alleged siphoning off of oil payments in Ukraine and Russia.

Banking & Finance

- £10m claim arising out of commercial lending.
- £5.5m mis-selling claim against a high-street bank.
- £1.3m claim against a Cyprus financial trading broker.
- £1.2m claim by a corporate finance firm under an equity and loan note agreement following the completion of an investment transaction.
- £multi-million claim against a high-street bank by the victim of a fraudulent conspiracy.
- £multi-million conspiracy claim against a high-street bank.
- Claim by a customer against a high-street bank under the direct debit guarantee.
- Dispute between a financial broker and a commercial lender relating to issues of solicitation.
- Dispute in relation to the enforceability of collective investment schemes.
- Potential breach of contract and misrepresentation claim against a company offering unregulated investment opportunities.
- Potential breach of contract claim against a high-street bank arising from the freezing of a customer's account.
- Pro bono case relating to a mortgagee's failure to obtain the best reasonably obtainable price when selling the mortgaged property.

General Commercial

- £multi-million dispute relating to the breach of an NDA and the use by the defendants of the claimant's ideas.
- Dispute between an Iranian telecommunications company and a multinational mobile telecommunications company in relation to an alleged breach of a shareholders' agreement.
- Advice to solicitors in relation to a proposed funding arrangement.
- Breach of contract claim relating to the development of environmentally friendly automobile technology.
- Claims for unpaid fees under consultancy agreements.

International Arbitration

- LCIA arbitration in London worth £10m+ relating to European hotel franchise agreements.
- LCIA arbitration in London relating to misappropriation of company assets.

Insurance

- Dispute under an excess of loss reinsurance treaty.
- Advice to excess insurers in relation to notifications of circumstances made under a D&O liability insurance policy.
- Pro bono case relating to a dispute between an insured and his insurer arising from the insurer's initial acceptance of liability.

Insolvency

- Application by a liquidator under s. 127 of the IA 1986.

Publications

- When COVID-19 infects finance contracts: frustration, force majeure and illegality' in the September 2021 issue of the *Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law* (co-authored with Adam Kramer QC)

Scholarships and Prizes

- Certificate of Honour (Middle Temple) (2018)
- Best Overall Presentation Award (Association of Commonwealth Universities) (2018)
- Anglo-Israel scholarship (Middle Temple) (2018)
- Jules Thorn scholarship (Middle Temple) (2017)
- BPTC scholarship (City, University of London) (2017)
- Finalist of UCL President's Cup (Non-schools) (2016)
- Jules Thorn scholarship and Blackstone Entrance Exhibition (Middle Temple) (2016)
- GDL scholarship (City, University of London) (2016)

Education

- BPTC (City, University of London) - Outstanding (2018)
- CPE (City, University of London) - Exemption (2017)
- Master of Corporate Law (University of Cambridge) (2016)
- LL.B. in European Law (Maastricht University) - First Class (2015)