

Representative Legal Matters

Charles Thomson

General

- Acted for Grupo Torras in proceedings in multiple jurisdictions to identify, freeze, trace and recover worldwide assets following a ground-breaking USD 800 million judgment.
- Acted for a major motor manufacturer in connection with claims for breach of contract and negligent misstatement which proceeded to a 10 week trial before the High Court in London, followed by an appeal to the Court of Appeal.
- Acted for a wealthy individual before the High Court in relation to an alleged multi billion dollar conspiracy to defraud in connection with the sale of shares in a company.
- Acted for a sovereign wealth fund in connection with high value restitutionary claims, which eventually settled through mediation.
- Acted for an umbrella employer company in connection with unfair prejudice claims brought by an ex-director and shareholder of a company, which eventually settled through mediation.

Banking and Finance

- Acted for a bank in connection with a EUR 600 million dispute involving the alleged breach of an ISDA Master Agreement and claims for fraudulent misrepresentation following the payment of bribes in Germany, which resulted in a 3 month trial before the High Court, followed by an appeal to the Court of Appeal.
- Acted for a prestigious bank in connection with the Libor scandal and an investigation by the US Department of Justice, the Serious Fraud Office and the Financial Conduct Authority.
- Represented an individual in connection with an appeal to the Regulatory Decisions Committee.
- Advised a broker in High Court proceedings brought against it in relation to allegations of wash trading, money laundering, fraud, and breaches of regulatory duties arising from a joint venture agreement.

Fraud & White-Collar Crime

- Acted for a prestigious international trustee in a USD 600 million fraud claim involving a bitterly fought dispute between competing interests in Russia and Kazakhstan and a claim for substantive relief in the High Court in London for asset tracing through complex trust structures and other fraud related claims

- Acted for an overseas Central Bank and the national prosecuting authority for the recovery of more than GBP 200 million arising from an investigation into money laundering offences, racketeering, breach of exchange control provisions and tax evasion.
- Acted for a brokerage firm in relation to proceedings before the High Court for alleged dishonest assistance and insolvency based claims connected to an alleged carousel fraud, amounting to around GBP 30 million. This involved advising on risk management, potential criminal and regulatory exposure for individuals and the company, as well as commercial and reputational exposure.
- Represented a former director of a multi-national client in the defence sector in connection with an SFO investigation into allegations of overseas bribery of foreign public officials.
- Advised an auction house in connection with criminal and civil proceedings relating to allegations of fraud and money laundering.
- Represented a company in an investigation into suspected overseas corruption and fraud, which resulted in a self report to the UK Serious Fraud Office and the US Department of Justice and Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Represented numerous companies investigated for and charged with breaches of health and safety legislation and environmental controls.
- Represented numerous companies in connection with civil and criminal tax investigations by HMRC.

Trusts

- Advised a wealthy individual, who is an heir to an estate with assets estimated to be worth USD 1.7 billion, in relation to claims made against individuals and companies who, it is alleged, acted improperly and fraudulently siphoned off substantial assets from the estate.
- Advised a high net worth individual, who is an heir to an estate with assets estimated to be worth tens of millions of dollars, on claims to enforce rights arising under Sharia law in multiple jurisdictions including Jordan, England, France and Switzerland.