



RUHI SETHI-SMITH

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“Robust, personable and client friendly, with high levels of attention to detail.”

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Ruhi has a broad commercial litigation practice which includes a wide range of commercial disputes, banking and financial services litigation, insolvency and property litigation.

Ruhi is a robust and meticulous advocate who regularly appears in the County Court, High Court and Court of Appeal.

Ruhi also has experience of obtaining and resisting urgent injunctions in the High Court.

Prior to transferring to the commercial bar, Ruhi worked for a number of well-respected City law firms where she earned a reputation as an effective and strategic litigator who leaves no stone unturned for clients. During this time, she also obtained Higher Rights of Audience and appeared as a solicitor advocate on numerous High Court and County Court applications.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

BANKING

Recent Notable Cases:

- Acting for the victim of a sophisticated APP fraud in which the fraudsters defrauded her of £3.8 million
- Acting for a large national bank in defending claims for undisclosed PPI commissions
- Obtaining Norwich Pharmacal orders against banks following APP frauds on customer accounts
- Assisting on claims against Lloyds Banking Group related to the Impaired Assets Office of BOS/ HBOS at Reading and elsewhere
- Assisting in advising and representing claimants in swaps cases where they have been mis-sold swaps and interest rate hedging products

- Advising a consumer in relation on a claim for breach of statutory duties resulting from losses sustained in CFD trading in forex and cryptocurrency
- Advising and representing individuals in mortgage mis-selling claims

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Recent Notable Cases:

- Representing a professional football club in a breach of contract claim for £350k which resulted in a successful order for security for costs and eventually the claim being struck out
- Representing a global travel company in a claim for £750k in relation to the interpretation of force majeure clauses in an accommodation supplier agreement which also involved a successful relief from sanction application
- Representing a cryptocurrency platform provider in a claim brought by a victim of a BitTrust fraud against a number of cryptocurrency exchanges for damages for unlawful means conspiracy and fraudulent misrepresentation valued at £1.5 million
- Defending a company in a breach of contract claim worth £100k involving an application for summary judgment and/or strike-out
- Acting for a partner in a dispute over the dissolution of the partnership and the sale of the partnership asset which resulted in a favourable settlement for the partner
- Pursuing guarantee claims on behalf of a national platform lender involving numerous applications for summary judgment and/or strike-out
- Defending a claim for ownership of an aeroplane used for a solo round the world flight and breach of contract worth approximately £200k, defending the claim on the basis of wrongful interference pursuant to the Torts (Interference with Goods) Act 1977

INJUNCTIONS

Recent Notable Cases:

- Acting for Joint Liquidators in obtaining a worldwide freezing order in respect of company assets located in multiple locations in Europe
- Obtaining numerous Norwich Pharmacal against numerous banks in respect of customer fraud and mistaken payments
- Acting for company directors on injunctions to restrain presentation of winding up petitions

INSOLVENCY

Recent Notable Cases:

- Pursuing an application for possession and sale on behalf of trustees in bankruptcy of a former

solicitor

- Representing the wife of a deceased bankrupt in defending an application for an order pursuant to section 339 Insolvency Act 1986 in respect of an alleged transaction at an undervalue
- Advising a former partner of a law firm in a claim against the firm's liquidator for a contribution to the firm's liabilities upon dissolution
- Acting for a company director of a consultancy firm in disqualification proceedings and claims for misfeasance
- Acting for the wife of a bankrupt in an application pursuant to section 339 Insolvency Act 1986
- Representing a management consultancy firm with offices in the UK and UAE in an application for rescission of a winding up order and the subsequent petition
- Advising liquidators and company directors in relation to claims for wrongful and/or fraudulent trading and preferences.
- Acting for company directors, lenders and guarantors in relation to applications to set aside statutory demands

PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

Recent Notable Cases:

- Pursuing solicitors in a professional negligence claim relating to the handling of a breach of contract and quantum meruit claim in the sum of £700k
- Defending solicitors in a professional negligence claim relating to the drafting of a share purchase agreement
- Successfully pursuing a solicitor for his role in a high-profile tax avoidance scheme
- Representing a project management company in a negligence claim involving multiple parties
- Advising company directors in relation to a professional negligence claim against its auditors for the negligent preparation of company accounts

QUALIFICATIONS

- BA (Hons) Law and Society University of Exeter
- Legal Practice Course UWE Bristol
- Higher Rights of Audience Qualification The College of Law

PROFESSIONAL BODIES

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