

Bree Taylor Partner

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Overview

Bree is a partner in the Dispute Resolution Department.

Bree handles complex, high value disputes, and has been involved in some of the most significant cases of the last few years including fraud claims against major UK banks and high-profile disputes between publicly listed companies.

She regularly acts for liquidators/administrators on claims arising out of company insolvencies and has successfully defended directors of well-known retail chains from claims by liquidators and Regulators such as the FCA, TPR, the SRA and the FRC.

Bree has been named as a Leading Individual by Chambers UK for many years, which praises her "*attention to detail, her ability to get to the point*". Bree is also ranked for Litigation, Banking Litigation and Insolvency with clients having commented she is "*savvy*" and "*always up for the fight*".

She is a fellow of R3 Association of Business Recovery Professionals and a member of the Insolvency Lawyers Association and the Aviation club (UK).

Bree is Head of the Dispute Resolution department.

Experience

- Representing directors of a global manufacturing company in defence of claims for misfeasance, breach of fiduciary duty and fraud.
- Representing the former non-executive director of an energy company in a claim by the liquidator of breach of statutory duty.
- Successfully defended Mediterranean Oil & Gas Plc in an action for misrepresentation brought by a joint venture partner: *Leni Gas & Oil Plc v Malta*

Expertise

Banking & Finance law

- Banking & Financial Litigation
- Insolvency & Restructuring

Dispute Resolution

- Aviation
- Commercial Litigation
- Contentious Trusts
- Fraud & Asset Recovery

Industry

Aviation

Professional Practices

Energy & Resources

Leisure

International

United States

Middle East

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Oil & ors.

- Successful challenge to court's jurisdiction in *JSC Alliance Bank v Acquanta Corp & ors.*
- Successful claim for indemnity for one of the administrators of MF Global UK Services Limited in respect of pension scheme deficit: *Re MF Global UK Ltd (in special administration)* [2016] EWCA Civ 569.
- Assisting the board of an AIM listed mining company in connection with a fundraising and group debt restructuring.
- Acting for a helicopter leasing company in a claim by the Ministry of Defence in relation to search and rescue procurement process.
- Acting for a leading UK hotel group in a franchise dispute.
- Advising a market-leading retailer in connection with a Competition and Markets Authority investigation.
- Advising the director of a publicly listed company in relation to an insider trading investigation, HMRC investigation and claim by the Financial Reporting Council.

Testimonials

Bree Taylor of Fladgate LLP maintains an impressive company and shareholder dispute practice. Sources say "She is solid, sensible and tough as nails. If you're a director facing a claim, she is an excellent person to go to as she will fight it sensibly and stand by you."

Chambers UK 2017

Bree Taylor specialises in shareholder and company disputes and is "very thorough and clear in explaining things." One happy client comments that "she really put her whole soul into this: she immersed herself in the material, became completely absorbed by the case and unlocked the optimal approach."

Chambers UK 2016

Fladgate LLP acted for a group of retail and institutional investors in litigation against RBS arising from its rights issue. Simon Ekins and Simon Brew are recommended alongside Mark Buckley, who is 'a great tactician', Bree Taylor, who is 'a tough, smart litigator', and the 'exceptional' Steven Mash.

Legal 500 2016

Bree Taylor's practice includes experience handling high-profile disputes for clients across fields including energy and media. Her expertise covers work such as fraud and partnership disputes, and sources praise "her attention to detail, her ability to get the point and her focus on areas of risk. She's very good at communicating and laying out alternative decisions, and she has a personable touch".

Chambers UK 2015

Bree Taylor has been a standout performer of late. She reportedly has a truly commercial approach to litigation and is further highlighted for her good client care

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skills.

Chambers UK 2014

“Enthusiastic, capable and entrepreneurial...” Bree Taylor impresses clients and market sources and was the lead partner on the Alliance Bank litigation. Clients highlight her “proactive and holistic approach”.

Chambers UK 2013

Leveraging strong ties with IPs, Fladgate LLP regularly receives predominantly domestic mandates across a range of sectors including in relation to property-related insolvencies. The *‘smart and creative’* Bree Taylor is *‘always up for the fight’* and is noted for her contentious expertise; she recently represented a former director of the UK subsidiary of the “Jacuzzi” group of companies in the defence of claims brought by liquidators alleging breaches of duty in relation to transactions entered by the company prior to its 2011 insolvency.

Legal 500 2017

Fladgate LLP’s *‘level of service is exemplary’*. Bree Taylor is *‘insightful, cost-efficient and great at counselling on cases’ risks and rewards’*.

Legal 500 2017

Fladgate LLP has ‘good-quality litigators for all commercial areas’. The practice is largely conflict free and able to act against most banks in financial services-related litigation. It is also well known for its significant HNW private client base. The team acted for London private equity firm PCP Capital Partners in a claim against Barclays Bank for fraudulent misrepresentation that related to a £7bn capital raising. Simon Ekins is department head; Bree Taylor is ‘recommended without reservation’.

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