

Company & insolvency webinar Programme

Wednesday, 1st December 2021

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| 1.00 - 1.05pm | Welcome and introduction
James Pearce-Smith, Head of Commercial team, St John's Chambers |
| 1.05 - 1.20pm | Just and equitable winding up of companies: A short guide
Charlie Newington-Bridges, Deputy Head of Commercial team, St John's Chambers |
| 1.20 - 1.35pm | The duties of mortgagees and receivers
Natasha Dzameh, Deputy Head of Commercial team, St John's Chambers |
| 1.35 - 1.50pm | Directors' duties, dividends and frauds against creditors: Sequana, an update
James Pearce-Smith, Head of Commercial team, St John's Chambers |
| 1.50 - 2.05pm | Applications to restore companies to the register
Georgina Thompson, Barrister, St John's Chambers |
| 2.05 - 2.15pm | Q&A |

“ Home to a large team of commercial practitioners who are instructed in a wide range of cases. Praised by solicitors as ‘the go-to chambers outside London’ for Commercial law. ”

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James Pearce-Smith
Head of Commercial team
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"James exudes an aura of knowledge and confidence. He is capable of providing case-changing analysis."

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James has over 20 years' experience as a commercial litigator, including 8 years as a commercial litigation solicitor prior to his transfer to the Bar in 2002. He regularly advises and represents parties in company disputes, including unfair prejudice petitions, claims against directors (including claims for breach of statutory and fiduciary duties and for breach of covenant), and disputes relating to the sale of shares.

James has strong analytical and mathematical skills, enabling him to get to the heart of disputes quickly and effectively. His approach is to analyse cases thoroughly at the outset, to give clients a realistic appraisal of their chances of success and to help them adopt the most effective strategy.

James regularly appears in the High Court, in particular the Bristol Commercial Court. He has considerable experience of representing clients at trials in the High Court and the County Court.

“The barristers at St John's Chambers offer significant expertise in a variety of company law matters, including unfair prejudice petitions and shareholder disputes. The barristers also have considerable experience in breach of warranty claims, breaches of fiduciary duty cases and trade secrets disputes. The members advise a range of domestic and international clients. Sources note that the barristers at St John's Chambers have 'strong skills and expertise.' ”

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Charlie Newington-Bridges
Deputy Head of Commercial team
St John's Chambers

"Charlie is very responsive, and demonstrates excellent client rapport."

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Charlie is a well regarded barrister for his commercial and financial services expertise, which is supported by 15 years' prior experience as an investment banker. He is also regularly instructed in cases concerning partnership law and insolvency.

Charlie has been involved in a range of commercial matters in the Court of Appeal, the High Court and the County Courts, with a particular emphasis on company disputes and commercial contract disputes. He recently successfully defended an unfair prejudice petition in a High Court trial, involving breach of a shareholders' agreement and reflective loss.

In 2021, Charlie acted for the Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation ('the Foundation') in an application brought by the Foundation against one of its members who had made a request for a list of the names and addresses of the members of the Foundation under s116 of the Companies Act 2006.

Presenters



Natasha Dzameh
Deputy Head of Commercial team
St John's Chambers

"Natasha is a strong advocate, robust and able to think creatively to reach a novel solution to difficult legal issues."

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Natasha is a commercial and chancery practitioner who is consistently ranked as a leading junior in Chambers UK and Legal 500 and is often instructed as sole counsel in high value, multifaceted litigation. She also has experience of acting as junior to senior counsel on particularly complex matters and being instructed as part of a team of counsel on large scale, high value and document-heavy government disputes. She is currently instructed on an international commercial arbitration matter with a value of c. US \$3m.

Natasha has a broad range of experience in corporate and personal insolvency disputes including complicated matters where the issues require knowledge of her other practice areas e.g. contentious probate and trusts (including trusts of land). She was involved in a disclosure dispute concerning a liquidated company which had previously managed a fund in excess of £100m. Most recently Natasha was instructed on a c.£1.65m insolvency matter involving allegations as to breach of fiduciary duties by LPA receivers. She accepts instructions in international corporate law and insolvency and is on the LexisPSL panel of restructuring & insolvency experts.

Natasha has extensive experience on a wide range of contractual disputes including banking and guarantees, carriage, construction, IT, NHS etc. She has represented major financial institutions and international companies including high street brands. She is also a qualified mediator.



Georgina Thompson
Barrister
St John's Chambers

Georgina is a commercial and chancery practitioner and a qualified mediator. She accepts instructions in all of the main areas of commercial and chancery law. Her main areas of expertise lie in commercial litigation, insolvency matters and contentious probate disputes.

Georgina has been instructed to advise on, and draft pleadings in relation to, a number of company law matters. Since taking up tenancy at St John's Chambers in 2019, Georgina has gained experience in drafting applications to restore a company to the Companies' House Register and attending the hearings which follow on from such applications. Georgina has also been successful in making applications to extend the time to register a charge with the Companies House, and in applications rectifying errors on the register.

Georgina also has a developing insolvency practice dealing with both corporate and personal insolvency matters.

“The clerking team is excellent and very approachable. They are quick to come back to you.”

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