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Sue Prevezer KC – Mediator

“ *It was by no means easy (feelings were high on both sides) but she nonetheless conducted matters calmly and rationally.* ”

Mediation Feedback

OVERVIEW

Sue is dual qualified as a barrister and solicitor with over 30 years of experience in commercial litigation at every level of the UK judicial system. She has sat as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Chancery Division of the High Court since 2004 and she is admitted to the Bar in both Cayman and the BVI.

Sue has also acted as leading counsel in numerous arbitration proceedings over the past 20 years. More recently, she has been accepting arbitration appointments as Chairperson and as co-arbitrator in three-person panels and is on the Register of Arbitrators for the LCIA and ICC.

Sue has been an accredited CEDR Mediator for over 10 years and has also been involved in numerous mediations as solicitor and barrister over this period.

Sue has considerable experience in advising and acting in high value cross-border litigation, including international arbitration, involving issues of English and foreign law. She has regularly advised and acted on cases involving issues of contractual construction, fraud, breaches of warranty, insurance and regulatory disputes, defamation, white collar crime and complex trusts, for both corporations and individuals. Sue also has considerable expertise in high value insolvency related, finance, securitisation and restructuring litigation.

As the Co-Managing Partner of Quinn Emanuel in London from its inception in 2008 to January 2020, Sue was involved in litigation and arbitration matters on 'both sides of the fence' – taking instructions and delivering the advocacy as Leading Counsel, and running

cases commercially and efficiently for clients on a day to day basis as a solicitor. Sue is therefore well aware of the strategic and practical issues involved in conducting litigation at every level, and applies this expertise and awareness when sitting as a Chairperson and a co-arbitrator in arbitration proceedings and a Deputy High Court Judge. She is commercial in her outlook and understanding of the needs and interests of clients and their lawyers in litigation.

STYLE AND APPROACH

Sue has repeatedly been listed as a “Leading Individual” by Legal 500 in Commercial and Banking Litigation and International Arbitration. Chambers & Partners describes her as a “tough as nails but really good to work with and just fearsomely bright”, “a great advocate and very personable” and that she has “a very nice, stylish manner about her”. Chambers & Partners has recorded that, with her experience as a barrister, Sue brings the best of both worlds to bear for clients facing high-stakes commercial litigation.

Chambers & Partners ranked Sue as Band 1 for both Litigation and Dispute Resolution and Litigation, UK, and Band 2 in both their UK, Europe-wide and Global rankings for Commercial and Banking Litigation. She has been recognised as a leader in the field of Commercial and Banking Litigation and has been selected by her peers for the inclusion in The Best Lawyers in UK 2018 and 2019 in the fields of Banking and Finance Law.

Her style and approach is perhaps best described as ‘no nonsense’ and straightforward, focusing on ensuring that proceedings are dealt with justly, sensibly and expeditiously. She is approachable and pragmatic, and instinctively commercial.

EXPERTISE

- Banking and Finance
- Commercial
- Insurance
- Fraud
- Insolvency and Restructuring

EXPERIENCE

Banking and Finance

- Acting as solicitor and joint leading counsel for the FDIC in its claims against Barclays Bank plc and other LIBOR panel banks, concerning the alleged manipulation of LIBOR.
- Acting as both Solicitor and Leading Counsel for an international Investment Centre in an arbitration relating to the acquisition of shares in a company pursuant to a financing agreement.
- Co-arbitrator in a high-profile dispute regarding an international bank loan agreement and guarantee in an LCIA arbitration.
- Leading Counsel in a high value case for a private equity firm against a well-known UK Bank.
- Leading Counsel in Re Sigma Finance Corporation in the Supreme Court on an issue of contractual construction of a Securities Instrument.
- Leading counsel in the High Court and Court of Appeal for a group of Senior Creditors in litigation concerning the restructuring of a Structured Investment Vehicle and the contractual interpretation of the security instruments.
- Joint leading counsel for HSH Nordbank in a US\$275 million victory against UBS, a case involving multiple agreements with conflicting jurisdiction provision.
- Advisor to Oleg Deripaska, a Russian entrepreneur and investor in high profile Court proceedings.
- Leading Counsel for a Guernsey Investment Fund in contested arbitration proceedings in a dispute indirectly relating to the insolvency of Lehman Brothers.

Commercial

- Acting as Leading Counsel and solicitor in a circa US\$2bn arbitration dispute involving complex issues of fraud, misrepresentation, complex expert valuation.
- Acting as Chairperson in a high value arbitration concerning a contractual and intellectual property dispute between companies in the oil industry.

- Acting as Co-arbitrator in a panel of three in a contractual dispute concerning a JVA in respect of the development/acquisition of land in Nigeria.
- Acting as Leading Counsel in an arbitration concerning the development of facilities in Ghana, involving issues of fraud, dishonesty, wrongful termination.
- Instructed to act as Counsel for a subsidiary of a global mining company in arbitration proceedings in the LCIA and ICC Courts.
- Acting as solicitor to Qualcomm in its jurisdiction dispute against Apple in the High Court.
- Acting for a group of institutional investors in High Court FSMA litigation following the RBS Rights Issue.

Insurance

- Acting as Leading Counsel in an insurance dispute (arbitration proceeding) involving the disclosure and handling of various asbestos related claims.
- Acting as Leading Counsel in a dispute concerning insurance claims arising out of the collapse of Lehmans.
- Insolvency and Restructuring.
- Acting as solicitor for a number of PE firms in various disputes arising out of the collapse of Lehmans.
- Acting for many years as Counsel for many years to the Liquidators of BCCI on numerous disputes arising on the collapse of the Bank.
- Acting for groups of syndicated lenders on disputes in the High Court and Court of Appeal arising on the administration of the Titan Group.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Queen's Counsel.
- CEDR Mediator.

CAREER HISTORY

- 1991 - 1998 South Square Chambers (Insolvency).
- 1998 - 2007 (KC from 2000) Essex Court Chambers.
- 2007 - 2008 (Partner) Bingham McCutchen.
- 2008 - April 2020: Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan UK LLP (Co-Managing Partner).
- April 2020 - Present: Brick Court Chambers.

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INTERESTS

Interests include art, music and literature.

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