



Robert Lawrie Consultant Barrister

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Overview

Robert is a barrister and an experienced litigator, Robert's work involves a wide range of commercial and corporate disputes. He has particular expertise in complex fraud cases (frequently working alongside specialist criminal lawyers), claims against directors, and shareholder disputes.

Robert acts for individuals, entrepreneurs, companies and their shareholders, and he has a keen interest in acting for companies regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Robert is a committee member of the Fraud Lawyers' Association and was previously an elected member of the Bar Council.

A very experienced individual

Legal 500 2017

Has razor-sharp legal skills and is extremely user friendly

Legal 500 2017

Expertise

- Commercial litigation
- Fraud and regulatory investigations and litigation
- Freezing injunctions and interim remedies
- Shareholder disputes
- Claims against directors
- Insolvency litigation
- International/multi-jurisdictional litigation
- Privy Council appeals

- Acting for FCA-regulated entities
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Funding and management of litigation

Cases

- Acting in two cases involving the defence to claims brought by the liquidators of Bernard Madoff's US and UK companies
- Acting for the defendant in a £95m civil fraud claim pursued by HMRC, arising out of failed criminal prosecution
- Acting for the ex-wife of a multi-millionaire businessman in her £3m claim against him, arising out of investment in a Ponzi scheme
- Advising regulated entities operating under the FCA's Payment Services and E-Money regimes
- Successfully concluding the settlement of insolvency claims of £20m pursued by a liquidator, arising out of VAT assessments, with negotiations lasting over 18 months
- Acting as agent in three separate successful appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council
- Acting for a Russian TV channel in a multi-million pound arbitration arising out of a licensing dispute

Recognition

The "very commercial" Robert Lawrie is a barrister at Keystone Law with notable expertise in commercial litigation and fraud cases. A source notes: *"In what was a very complex case in multiple jurisdictions, Robert managed to keep the various lawyers, expert witnesses and clients organised and focused, dealt with any issues diplomatically and provided clear advice to the clients when there was a lot of detail to cover."*

Chambers UK 2019

Recognised in the Legal 500 2018 for Fraud:Civil and Commercial Litigation

"A tenacious and talented litigator"

Legal 500 2018

"Has good tactical awareness and efficient management of clients in cases"

Legal 500 2018

Robert Lawrie of Keystone Law handles civil fraud and commercial litigation. Clients say *"He has good organisational skills and attention to detail, is dedicated and hard-working, and has a good client focus and understanding of the overall goals"* Market commentators add that he *"has an engaging, can-do attitude laced with good humour and charm"*

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Legal 500 2017

"Keystone Law's civil fraud practice is new to the scene and is led by the 'bright and pragmatic' Robert Lawrie, who joined the firm from Howard Kennedy LLP in 2015. Lawrie regularly represents banks and financial institutions."

Legal 500 2016

Career

2015	Keystone Law <i>Consultant Barrister</i>
2012-2015	Howard Kennedy <i>Partner</i>
2007-2012	BCL Burton Copeland <i>Employed Barrister</i>
2004-2007	Farrar's Building <i>Barrister</i>
2003-2004	Cloisters <i>Pupillage</i>
2003	Qualified as a Barrister