

ELIZABETH SHIMMIN, Partner

Elizabeth Shimmin is a solicitor-advocate and partner in the firm's London office. She has significant experience advising clients on a wide range of complex claims in both international arbitration and commercial litigation proceedings.

Ms. Shimmin's practice encompasses claims relating to joint ventures and shareholder disputes, financing arrangements (including derivatives), fraud, breaches of trust and fiduciary duty, and the multi-jurisdictional enforcement of unpaid judgments and awards. She advises clients on international disputes across a range of industry sectors, with particular experience in financial litigation, energy, infrastructure and defence. She has represented clients in proceedings before the English High Court and Court of Appeal, several overseas courts and before institutional and ad hoc arbitration tribunals.

Ms. Shimmin also works closely with the firm's Investigation, Compliance and Defense Practice and has significant experience acting for financial institutions in relation to internal and government investigations by a range of regulatory agencies in the UK, US, and across Europe. She is also experienced in representing senior management in investigations by the FRC, the FCA, and other regulatory bodies.

Market commentators for *Chambers and Partners 2020* describe Ms. Shimmin as "incredibly diligent and thoughtful – a rising star".

Ms. Shimmin's litigation representations include:

- Acting in multi-jurisdictional enforcement proceedings in respect of two LCIA arbitration awards worth over \$500 million.
- Defending a major investment bank from claims arising out of English law governed derivatives contracts, involving proceedings in Iceland and the BVI
- Acting for a large infrastructure group and investment fund in Commercial Court proceedings relating to breach of contract claims arising out of the purchase of offshore transmission assets.
- Acting for an infrastructure group in Judicial Review proceedings regarding Ofgem determinations of revenue streams of renewable energy assets.
- Acting for a defence contractor in relation to breach of procurement claims pursuant to the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 against the Ministry of Defence.
- Advising an EU headquartered multinational on strategy to recover funds relating to South American transport joint venture.
- Representing Mastercard in multiple proceedings brought by UK retailers in the High Court and Competition Appeals Tribunal seeking damages in excess of £450m in relation to interchange fees on payment transactions.
- Advising a defence contractor in relation to breach of contract claims arising out of a multimillion pound procurement contract.



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Complex Commercial Litigation
Financial Services Litigation
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EDUCATION

BPP Law School, London, Legal Practice Course, 2006

University of Leicester, LL B, 2001

ADMISSIONS

England and Wales

COURT ADMISSIONS

Solicitor Advocate: Higher Rights of Audience (Civil Proceedings)

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Her arbitration representations include:

- Defending a multinational energy company in ICC arbitral proceedings relating to \$100m breach of warranty claims.
- Representing one of the largest precious metal refiners in LCIA arbitral proceedings in relation to breach of contract claims.
- Representing a defence contractor in a multimillion pound international LCIA arbitration against a sovereign contractual counterparty.
- Representing a leading technology services company in relation to disputes arising from a \$400 million software contract.
- Acting on a billion dollar ICC arbitration claim concerning the design and construction of a nuclear power plant.

Her investigations and regulatory representations include:

- Representing a panel investment bank involved in the high-profile investigations by global regulators and law enforcement agencies into the determination and setting of LIBOR.
- Acting for a Pensions Trustee of a FTSE 250 company in investigations by the Pensions Regulator and the Financial Reporting Council arising out of a £300m deficit in the group pension.
- Acting for the former Finance Director of a FTSE 250 company in investigations by the Financial Reporting Council and Accounting and Actuarial Disciplinary Board following the company's sudden collapse.
- Acting for a major investment bank assisting the FCA with market abuse proceedings in relation to spoofing activity.

Publications

- Co-Author, Client Alert: English Court of Appeal Compels Third Party to Give Evidence in Foreign Arbitration, April 17, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: "The Quincecare duty - not to be easily excluded", December 3, 2019
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Section 1782: Second Circuit Allows Foreign Litigants to Obtain Documents Located Outside the US, October 30, 2019
- Co-Author, Legal Privilege and Internal Investigations: The Court of Appeal Provides Some Protection and Suggests Legal Advice Privilege Is Revisited, September 7, 2018
- One-Step Beyond? The UK Supreme Court clarifies the availability of Wrotham Park damages, May 8, 2018