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Chaitanya practises across Chambers' core areas. He has experience in **commercial litigation, civil fraud, company and insolvency disputes, employment, sports, digital assets, sanctions, pensions, and trusts litigation**. Chaitanya also has experience of disputes with an international element, particularly those with an emphasis on the Middle East.

He has successfully worked in counsel teams of various sizes. However, he regularly acts as sole counsel, having done so in the High Court, County Court, and Employment Tribunal. He has also appeared as sole counsel before the Football Association's Regulatory Commission and the Inns' Conduct Committee.

Recent highlights of Chaitanya's practice include the following matters:

- Successful in the High Court in dismissing an appeal made by a firm of solicitors against their former clients (guidance on wasted costs applications made at the end of a substantive hearing).
- Successful in the Employment Tribunal in dismissing a £350k claim for direct discrimination (disability) and failure to make reasonable adjustments on time limits.
- Successful before a Circuit Judge in the County Court at Central London in obtaining permission to appeal and relief from sanctions (contract and unjust enrichment).
- Appeared in the FA Regulatory Commission on behalf of the Football Association in a sanction hearing for misconduct against the Head Coach of an EFL Championship club.
- Ongoing matters include: (1) advising a company director in an Insolvency Act Application against his decision as chair of a creditor meeting; and (2) advising a creditor on possible claims under the Insolvency Act 1986.

Areas of Expertise

Commercial & International

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Notable Commercial & International cases

- Successfully obtained permission to appeal and relief from sanctions on grounds of appeals in contract and unjust enrichment.

- Defended a claim for breach of contract and data protection law on behalf of a major telecommunications provider in the County Court.

- Defended a claim in the County Court for the agreed sum under a contract for the supply of services in the context of off-payroll working regulations.

- Assisted in the landmark cryptocurrency 3-day appeal in the DIFC Court of Appeal in Huobi MENA v Tabarak Investment Capital Ltd.

- Assisted in a 3-day trial defending a claim for breach of a contract of sale including issues of third-party financing and assignment of causes of action.

- Assisted in a 1-day hearing in the Commercial Court of an application to amend pleadings and a cross-application for reverse summary judgment.

- Assisted in the long-running Dwyer (UK Franchising) Limited v Fredbar Limited litigation concerning the enforcement of a franchising agreement.

Company & Insolvency

Notable Company & Insolvency cases

- Acting for the respondent in an Insolvency Act Application under a r.15.35 IR 2016 appeal in the High Court by a creditor against the decisions of the chair at a creditor.

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- Assisted in drafting pleadings and preparing an urgent interim injunction against a director in a family-run farming business operating through a general partnership and a limited company.
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- Assisted in preparing advice in conference on the enforcement of a restrictive covenant under a share purchase agreement.
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- Assisted with an interim application for injunctive relief by a corporate tenant against a landlord in the context of statutory relief against forfeiture.
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- Appeared in the Winding up Court to present petitions for compulsory liquidation.
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Employment

Notable Employment cases

- Successfully dismissed an ET claim for c. £350k for alleged direct discrimination (disability) and failure to make reasonable adjustments on time limits.
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- Successfully dismissed an ET claim for unfair dismissal on time limits.
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- Acted for the claimant in a 5-day ET trial in claims for disability discrimination against an NHS Foundation Trust.
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- Advised in conference on a potential claim for unpaid remuneration under a consultancy agreement against a company.
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- Assisted in the successful dismissal of an appeal in the EAT on the relevance of final written warning for capability and performance in a claim for unfair dismissal.
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Pensions & Trusts

Notable Pensions & Trusts cases

- Assisted in drafting a skeleton argument and a confidential opinion on behalf of a representative beneficiary in an uncontested application for summary judgment on claims for rectification of the rules of a trust-based occupational pension scheme.
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- Assisted in preparing for a multi-party mediation in a claim for professional negligence by the employer and trustees of pension scheme against a solicitors' firm, with administrative and actuarial service providers, and the scheme's advisor as additional parties.
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- Assisted in preparing advice in conference on the effective transfer of an equitable interest in real property under the terms of a will.
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Sports Governance & Regulation

Notable Sports Governance & Regulation cases

- Acted for the Football Association in a sanction hearing against the Head Coach of a EFL Championship club.
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- Successfully acted for the Football Association in proving a charge of misconduct against a Football Manager for improper behaviour towards a Match Official.
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Disciplinary & Regulatory

Notable Disciplinary & Regulatory cases

- Successfully represented an applicant to an Inn of Court at fitness to practice hearing before the Inns' Conduct Committee.
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Sanctions & Export Controls

- Assisted in drafting a chapter on sanctions in a leading practitioners' textbook on banking law.

Education

- BA in Jurisprudence (Oxford) – First Class Honours (top 5% of graduating cohort)
- Bachelor of Civil Law (Oxford) – Distinction
- Bar Vocational Studies (City) – Distinction

Languages

- Hindi (native)

Prior work experience

- Guest Teacher (LSE), Trusts
- Legal Intern, Singapore International Arbitration Centre

Awards

- Gibbs Book Prize (Faculty of Law, Oxford) – Awarded for one of the best performances in the Contract, Tort, Land Law and Trusts papers.
- Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship (Exeter College, Oxford) – Awarded a merit scholarship to read for the BCL.
- Tobias Law Prize (Exeter College, Oxford) – Awarded to the top graduating student.
- Various scholarships and prizes awarded for performance in examinations.

Recommendations

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