



# Kit Holliday

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Kit's practice spans the full spectrum of commercial work.

Since joining Chambers in 2022, he has been instructed in several of the largest cases at the commercial bar, acted in several arbitrations, and has appeared as sole counsel in the High Court and County Courts.

Before coming to the Bar, Kit studied history at Cambridge University where he took a Starred First and placed second in his year in his undergraduate degree, winning various prizes.

## Recent Highlights

### The Glencore Plc Litigation

Acting (with Bankim Thanki KC, Adam Kramer KC and Nic Damjanovic) for Aabar Holdings in the claim brought against Glencore Plc under ss.90 and 90A FSMA for alleged misstatements in and omissions from Glencore's prospectuses and published information. An appeal from an interlocutory judgment relating to the existence of the so-called Shareholder Principle in the law of privilege was one of *The Lawyer's* 'Top 10 Appeals' of 2025.

### Russian Aviation Insurance Litigation

Acting with Tim Howe KC and Christopher Knowles for a reinsurer, Fidelis, in the multi-billion-pound insurance litigation, defending claims under reinsurance policies reinsuring Russian operator insurance policies.

### FW Aviation (Holdings) 1 Ltd v VietJet Aviation Joint Stock Company

Acting (with Alex Milner KC and Giles Robertson) for a Vietnamese airline in a complex aviation finance dispute concerning four Airbus A-321 aircraft leased under a "JOLCO" structure.

### Columbia Pictures v Wanda Kids Culture Development [2024] EWHC 2921 (Comm); [2025] EWHC 1895 (Comm)



Acting (with Tamara Oppenheimer KC) for Columbia Pictures in a USD 49 million claim arising from the defendant's failure to complete a put and call option agreement for shares in a production company; resisted a jurisdictional challenge to service under Hong Kong law ([2024] EWHC 2921 (Comm)) and successfully obtained summary judgment for the full claim ([2025] EWHC 1895 (Comm)).

## Expertise

### Art & Cultural Property

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#### Notable Art & Cultural Property cases

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Assisting (during pupillage) in a dispute over the former home of the artist Pablo Picasso raising conflict of laws issues.

### Aviation & Travel

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#### Notable Aviation & Travel cases

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### Aviation Arbitration

Acting (with Rosalind Phelps KC) in an LCIA arbitration between an aircraft owner and lessor over breaches of a leasing agreement.



Assisting (during pupillage) with a dispute between aircraft lessors and lessees over unpaid rent.

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Advising (during pupillage) on an aircraft lessee's liability for breach of its lease in the context of Russian sanctions and countersanctions.

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Advising (during pupillage) on the liability of an aircraft maintenance provider to an aircraft operator for a negligently performed troubleshooting procedure.

## Banking & Finance

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### Notable Banking & Finance cases

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#### Afreximbank v Kaztec

Acting (with Rupert Allen KC) for the Egyptian Bank in a claim for over 100 million USD due under a facility agreement.

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Acting (with James Duffy and Nick Daly) in defence of multiple claims brought against Barclays under the Consumer Credit Act 1974 arising out of alleged mis-selling of timeshares.

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Advising (as a pupil) in a dispute between an IVA supervisor and trustee acting for several thousand debtors and a bank over PPI complaints.

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Advising (as a pupil) on conflicting jurisdiction clauses in the context of a dispute between a foreign public authority and bank over interest rate swaps.

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Advising (as a pupil) on the effectiveness of a jurisdiction clause in a guarantee against a third party seeking an injunction to prevent the guarantor paying-out.

## Civil Fraud

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## LLP Arbitration

Acting (with Alex Barden KC) in an Arbitration under LCIA Rules concerning an attempt to expel a member from an LLP, raising allegations of conspiracy.

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## Enigma Diagnostics Ltd v Boulter

Acting (Craig Ulyat and Aaron Taylor) for a Defendant, Harvey Boulter, in relation to a claim for dishonest breaches of fiduciary duty. The claim (which was listed for a 5-week trial in February 2024) settled shortly before trial.

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## Civil Fraud Arbitration

Acting (with Charles Béar KC and Nik Yeo) on behalf of an ultra-high net-worth individual in an LCIA arbitration against their former wealth-manager, raising allegations of fraudulent misrepresentation and conspiracy.

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## Section 90/90A Claim

Advising (with Alex Barden KC) on the prospects of success on a claim under ss.90 and 90A FSMA.

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## Commercial Disputes

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### Notable Commercial Disputes cases

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#### Afreximbank v Kaztec

Acting (with Rupert Allen KC) for the Egyptian Bank in a claim for over 100 million USD due under a facility agreement.

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Acting (with Derrick Dale KC) for a firm of solicitors in a dispute with a former client over more than £2,000,000 in unpaid fees due under a Conditional Fee Agreement.

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Acting (Charles Béar KC and Nik Yeo) on behalf of an ultra-high net-worth individual in an LCIA arbitration against their former wealth-manager, raising allegations of fraudulent misrepresentation and conspiracy.

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Acting (with James Duffy and Nick Daly) in defence of multiple claims brought against Barclays under the Consumer Credit Act 1974 arising out of alleged mis-selling of timeshares.

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Assisting Samuel Ritche (as a pupil) in a dispute between an insurer and a retailer concerning liability for losses incurred from mis-sold PPI.



## Company, Restructuring & Insolvency

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Advising (as a pupil) in a dispute between an IVA supervisor and trustee acting for several thousand debtors and a bank over PPI complaints.

## Construction, Energy & Infrastructure

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### Notable Construction, Energy & Infrastructure cases

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Assisting (as a pupil) with a CMC concerning preliminary issues in a telecommunications dispute.

## Financial Services

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### Notable Financial Services cases

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Advising (as a pupil) on issues related to s.20(1) FSMA (concerning carrying on regulated activities without permission).

## Insurance & Reinsurance

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#### Insurance Claim

Acting (with Anneliese Day KC) in a claim against an insurer relating to the loss of a hotel.

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Assisting Ben Lynch KC (as a pupil) with an LCIA arbitration concerning a warranty and indemnity insurance policy.

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Assisting Samuel Ritche (as a pupil) in a dispute between an insurer and a retailer concerning liability for losses incurred from mis-sold PPI.

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Advising (as a pupil) on the effect of an aggregation clause in a professional indemnity insurance policy.

## International Arbitration

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### Notable International Arbitration cases

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#### Tribunal Secretary

Acting as Tribunal Secretary in an arbitration under LCIA Rules.

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#### Insurance Arbitration

Assisting Ben Lynch KC (as a pupil) with an LCIA arbitration concerning a warranty and indemnity insurance policy.

## Offshore

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### Notable Offshore cases

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Assisting (as a pupil) with a jurisdiction challenge in the DIFC Courts.



## Privilege, Confidentiality & Conflicts of Interest

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### Notable Privilege, Confidentiality & Conflicts of Interest cases

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Assisting Tamara Oppenheimer KC and Simon Paul (as a pupil) in a 2 day privilege application in proceedings brought against a firm of solicitors (and others).

## Professional Discipline

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### Notable Professional Discipline cases

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Assisting Rupert Allen (during pupillage) in proceedings brought by the SRA against Ms Soophia Khan which resulted (among other things) in the former solicitor's imprisonment for contempt of court after repeated violations of court orders.

Advising (during pupillage) on the SDT's approach to the charge of "recklessness" in disciplinary proceedings against solicitors.

Advising (during pupillage) on what is meant by a "lack of integrity" in the context of SRA investigations.

Advising (during pupillage) on anti-money laundering regulations.

## Professional Negligence

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### Notable Professional Negligence cases

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#### Professional Negligence Claim

Acting (with Anneliese Day KC) on behalf of a defendant firm in a professional negligence action worth over £100 million, resulting in settlement.

#### Professional Negligence Claim

Acting (with Anneliese Day KC) on behalf of a claimant against a city law firm in a "loss of chance" claim.



## Education

- BA (History), Clare College, Cambridge: First Class with Distinction (ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in year)
- MPhil (History of Political Thought), Clare College, Cambridge: Distinction
- GDL, City Law School: Distinction
- BVS, City Law School: Distinction

## Appointments, Memberships and Prizes

- 6 KBW College Hill Prize for Criminal Law (2020)
- Astbury Scholarship (Middle Temple) (2020)
- BVS Entrance Scholarship (City Law School, University of London) (2020)
- Astbury Scholarship (Middle Temple) (2019)
- GDL Entrance Scholarship (City Law School, University of London) (2019)
- Honorary Scholarship (Clare College, University of Cambridge) (2018)
- Allan Prize (Clare College, University of Cambridge) (2018)
- Istvan Hont Prize (Faculty of History, University of Cambridge) (2018)

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