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"Truly outstanding barrister - way beyond his years. Incredibly fast and efficient at getting through work."

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Max has a broad practice which spans the range of commercial work undertaken in Chambers. He has a particular focus on banking and finance, civil fraud, insurance, and international arbitration.

- *Fiesta v Deutsche Bank* – acting for the Claimants in c.€500 million FX derivative dispute (settled before 10 week trial in 2025) (led by Laurence Rabinowitz KC and Tony Singla KC);
- *Targetfollow v Bank of Scotland* – defending a fraudulent misrepresentation claim worth over £1 billion in relation to alleged LIBOR manipulation (discontinued on first day of the 30 day trial) (led by Andrew Mitchell KC);
- *Oil and gas arbitration* – acting for the respondent to a US\$1.6 billion arbitration claim based on an alleged fraud in the oil and gas sector (trial in 2026) (led by Alexander Milner KC)
- *Reinsurance arbitrations* – acting for a reinsured seeking to recover over US\$100 million from its reinsurance program (trials in 2025 and 2026) (led by Anneliese Day KC);
- *Nigeria v P&ID* [2023] EWHC 2638 – acting for a company seeking to enforce an arbitral award against Nigeria, worth over US\$10 billion (8-week trial in 2023) (led by Lord Wolfson KC and Alexander Milner KC);
- FX litigation – acting for Citigroup in proceedings concerning alleged FX manipulation over 10 years (led by Richard Handyside KC and Tony Singla KC);
- *FCA v Arch* [2020] EWHC 2448 (Comm), [2021] UKSC 1 – acting for the FCA in the business interruption insurance test case (led by Colin Edelman KC, Leigh-Ann Mulcahy KC and Adam Kramer KC);
- Mozambique 'tuna bonds' case – acting for secondary market purchasers (led by Michael Bloch KC);
- *FRC v Deloitte (Autonomy)* – acting for the FCA in disciplinary proceedings relating to Deloitte's audits of the software company Autonomy (led by Rebecca Sabben-Clare KC and Henry King KC).

Recent Highlights

Reinsurance arbitrations

Acting for a reinsured seeking to recover over US\$100 million from its reinsurance program, arising out of US med/mal litigation (trials in 2025 and 2026) (led by Anneliese Day KC).

Oil and gas arbitration

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Expertise

Administrative & Public Law

Notable Administrative & Public Law cases

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Acting in a heavy JR concerning government intervention in the energy sector following recent price rises (led by James McClelland KC).

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3258 (Admin) (as junior counsel).

HEFCE challenge

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Banking & Finance

Much of Max's work concerns banking, including derivatives, alleged rate manipulation, contractual disputes, and statutory instruments and schemes.

Notable Banking & Finance cases

Taylor v Bank of Scotland (27 day trial listed for 2026)

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Acting in Commercial Court proceedings, in which the Bank was granted summary judgment for >£40 million (as junior counsel). Allegations of fraudulent misrepresentation were dismissed, and the Bank recovered indemnity costs.

Frozen bank accounts

Acting for a bank in a claim relating to frozen bank accounts (2020, led by Nicholas Medcroft KC).

Partridge v Gomez & Co & Others

Defending a QC sued for over €15 million for alleged negligence including a failure to plead a EURIBOR misrepresentation claim (as junior counsel). Settled after pleadings.

Money Laundering policy

Assisting a KC to advise a well-known high-street brand regarding the adequacy of its anti-money laundering policy and compliance with the Money Laundering Regulations 2007.

Local Authority derivative capacity

Assisting a KC to advise a Local Authority as to its capacity to enter derivatives contracts, including consideration of the decision in *Hazell v Hammersmith*.

FX broker claim

Advising a commercial entity as to a claim against a forex broker for withholding substantial profits made on trades.

Mortgage mis-selling claims

Acting for the defendant mortgage and insurance services provider in multiple five- and six-figure mortgage mis-selling claims (all claims withdrawn in 2019).

Advising on and defending claims relating to the sale of PPI policies and alleged swaps mis-selling.



Civil Fraud

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Mozambique 'tuna bonds' controversy

Acting for secondary market purchasers in two separate claims in the Commercial Court against the Republic of Mozambique and Credit Suisse, arising from the so-called 'tuna bonds' controversy, including claims against Credit Suisse in fraudulent misrepresentation and unlawful means conspiracy (led by Michael Bloch KC).

Kingfisher UK Holdings Ltd v Lisa Powis and others

Acting in a multi-million pound claim for fraud and breach of warranty under an SPA for the sale of an insurance intermediary (2021, as junior counsel).

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Acting for a reinsured seeking to recover over US\$100 million from its reinsurance program, arising out of US med/mal litigation (trials in 2025 and 2026) (led by Anneliese Day KC).

Data breach claim

Acting for a defendant to a Commercial Court claim arising from a data breach (led by Ed Levey KC).

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Visa v Luxottica Retail UK Ltd (trial 2026)

Defending a claim brought by Visa alleging breach by Luxottica UK of a Settlement Agreement; including a counterclaim for rectification (led by Richard Coleman KC).

Bourlakova and others v Bourlakov and others [2024] EWHC 929 (Ch)

Instructed by for the applicant for an anti-suit injunction to restrain bankruptcy proceedings brought in Russia (led by Jeffrey Chapman KC).

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Website urgent injunction

Obtaining an urgent, ex parte, interim injunction for a business whose website and confidential information was targeted by a third party (2021).

BI insurance test case [2020] EWHC 2448 (Comm), [2021] UKSC 1

Max acted for the FCA before the High Court and the Supreme Court in the test case considering whether certain business interruption insurance policies respond to the COVID-19 pandemic (led by Colin Edelman KC, Leigh-Ann



Mulcahy KC and Adam Kramer KC). Max is now advising numerous clients on issues of coverage and quantum, including aggregation.

Mozambique 'tuna bonds' controversy

Acting for secondary market purchasers in two separate claims in the Commercial Court against the Republic of Mozambique and Credit Suisse, arising from the so-called 'tuna bonds' controversy (led by Michael Bloch KC).

A Company v Secretariat [2020] EWHC 809 (TCC), [2021] EWCA Civ 6

Acting in this important Court of Appeal decision on whether independent experts owe fiduciary or contractual duties of loyalty to their instructing clients (led by Anneliese Day KC / Charles Hollander KC).

Gwynt-y-Mor Ofco v Gwynt-y-Mor Offshore Wind Farm [2020] EWHC 850 (Comm)

Acting in Commercial Court proceedings concerning the failure of undersea cables at an offshore wind farm (led by Richard Handyside KC).

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Kingfisher UK Holdings Ltd v Lisa Powis & Others

Acting in a multi-million pound claim for fraud and breach of warranty under an SPA for the sale of an insurance intermediary (2021, as junior counsel).

Mortgage mis-selling claims

Acting for the defendant mortgage and insurance services provider in multiple five- and six-figure mortgage mis-selling claims (all claims withdrawn in 2019).

Acting for a hospital in a substantial and complex contractual dispute with its catering services provider (led by Derrick Dale KC, 2019, settled).

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BHS Group v Retail Acquisitions Ltd [2017] EWHC 1057 (Ch)

Acting in proceedings for the Arcadia Group in a petition brought to wind up RAL, the company incorporated to purchase BHS for £1.

Munnelly v October House Clothing (2017)

Acting in a successful claim for damages for failure to provide tailor-made suits, including an unusual award of damages for distress and disappointment.

FX broker claim

Advising a commercial entity as to a claim against a forex broker for withholding substantial profits made on trades.

Jurisdiction challenge: Acting for a Cypriot defendant challenging the jurisdiction of the Mercantile Court over claims brought against him (settled).

Advising on and defending claims brought against credit reference agencies.

Advising on and defending claims relating to the sale of PPI policies and flight delay claims.

Assisting members of chambers to advise a Local Authority as to its capacity to enter derivatives contracts, notwithstanding the decision in *Hazell v Hammersmith*.

Construction, Energy & Infrastructure

Notable Construction, Energy & Infrastructure cases

Oil and gas arbitration

Acting for the respondent to a US\$1.6 billion arbitration claim based on an alleged fraud in the oil and gas sector (trial in 2026) (led by Alexander Milner KC).

R(A) v BEIS and GEMA (2022)

Acting in a heavy JR concerning government intervention in the energy sector following recent price rises (led by James McClelland KC).

Acting for the Defendant engineer in TCC proceedings relating to alleged failures during construction at a sports



ground, sum claimed >£10 million (led by Anneliese Day KC).

Gwynt-y-Mor Ofto v Gwynt-y-Mor Offshore Wind Farm [2020] EWHC 850 (Comm)

Acting in Commercial Court proceedings concerning the failure of undersea cables at an offshore wind farm (led by Richard Handyside KC).

Group Litigation

Notable Group Litigation cases

FX litigation

Acting for Citigroup in proposed collective action proceedings concerning alleged FX manipulation over 10 years (led by Richard Handyside KC). The proceedings, together with a Commercial Court action in which Max was also instructed, were one of *The Lawyer's* 'Top 20 Cases' for 2020.

Business Interruption Insurance Test Case [2020] EWHC 2448 (Comm), [2021] UKSC 1

Acting for the FCA before the High Court and the Supreme Court in the test case considering whether certain business interruption insurance policies responded to the COVID-19 pandemic (led by Colin Edelman KC, Leigh-Ann Mulcahy KC and Adam Kramer KC).

Insurance & Reinsurance

Notable Insurance & Reinsurance cases

Reinsurance arbitrations

Acting for a reinsured seeking to recover over US\$100 million from its reinsurance program, arising out of US med/mal litigation (trials in 2025 and 2026) (led by Anneliese Day KC).

Various Eateries v Allianz [2022] EWHC 2549 (Comm), [2024] EWCA Civ 10

Acting for one of the claimants in the first instance hearing of the "Stonegate" test litigation (led by Leigh-Ann Mulcahy KC and Adam Kramer KC).

Multiple BI claims

Advising numerous clients on issues of coverage and quantum, including aggregation, per-premises/per-event limits, and broker negligence claims. Clients range from very small to very large, and include events businesses,



professionals, manufacturers and suppliers, pubs, restaurants, hotels, up to multi-national and global holding companies.

Mesothelioma contribution (2021)

Advising an insurer on contribution claims based on *Zurich v IEG* and claims under the FSCS compensation scheme.

Kingfisher UK Holdings Ltd v Lisa Powis & Others

Acting in a multi-million pound claim for fraud and breach of warranty under an SPA for the sale of an insurance intermediary (2021, as junior counsel).

Life insurance policy claim (2020)

Acting for an insurer defending an alleged claim under a life insurance policy.

International Arbitration

In addition to civil commercial claims, Max has several ongoing and high-value international arbitrations, all involving one or more foreign elements including Russia, the USA, Canada, Cyprus, Hong Kong, and offshore jurisdictions.

Notable International Arbitration cases

Oil and gas arbitration

Acting for the respondent to a US\$1.6 billion arbitration claim based on an alleged fraud in the oil and gas sector (trial in 2026) (led by Alexander Milner KC)

LCIA arbitrations

Acting for various respondents to substantial and confidential LCIA arbitrations approaching \$100 million (2021, as junior counsel).

ICC arbitrations

Acting in a multi-million dollar ICC arbitration concerning alleged breaches of derivatives contracts (2021, as junior counsel).

SCC arbitration

Acting in a substantial SCC arbitration relating to IT (2021, as junior counsel).



Offshore arbitration

Acting over several years in two linked offshore >\$50 million arbitrations arising out of the disputed sales of pledged shares (as junior counsel).

Professional Discipline

Max acts for professionals in both disciplinary proceedings and civil claims. Cases have involved the FRC, SRA, FCA, FSCS, GPhC, HEFCE and MedCo, and acting for and against barristers, solicitors, accountants, auditors, litigation experts, and construction professionals.

Max has acted in several cases for and against the SRA, including relating to solicitors prosecuted for misconduct, interventions, and applications for delivery up (as both sole counsel and as junior counsel).

Notable Professional Discipline cases

Shareholders v Deloitte & Touche and another

Defending Deloitte against claims of over \$100 million by shareholders in the former Lebanese Canadian Bank brought in the DIFC courts.

X v A Firm and A Barrister

Defending a leading solicitors' firm and junior barrister against a civil claim worth over £20 million (as sole counsel, 2022).

FRC v Deloitte

Acting in disciplinary proceedings relating to Deloitte's audits of the software company Autonomy. *The Lawyer* had included the prosecution in its 'Top 20 cases for 2019', describing the allegations as "unprecedented".

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Defending a QC sued for over €15 million for professional negligence, including an alleged failure to plead a EURIBOR misrepresentation claim (as junior counsel). Settled after pleadings.

FRC investigation

Advising the FRC in relation to proposed disciplinary proceedings arising out of a well-known recent financial scandal (2018-2019, as junior counsel).

Advising a well-known solicitors firm regarding a letter of request for documents by a former client (as sole counsel).

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Successful application for delivery-up and a search and seizure order (sole counsel).

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Successful prosecution of a PI-claims solicitor, including multiple findings of lack of integrity; strike off (sole counsel).

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Successful prosecution of two solicitors for unlawful payment of referral fees (sole counsel).

Acting for senior partners at two City firms in their responses to allegations of serious misconduct; the case was withdrawn without prosecution (led by Tim Dutton KC).



Acting for directors of a high street firm in their responses to allegations of misconduct brought by the SRA (junior counsel).

Law Society v Sibley [2017] 1453 (Ch)

Acting for the SRA in proceedings which confirmed the width of the SRA's powers to investigate solicitors working for bodies not regulated by the SRA (sole counsel).

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Directory Quotes

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Legal 500

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"Max is a great young barrister, he is very efficient and can produce submissions of great quality in a very limited time. He demonstrated good strategic thinking and ability to plan the strategy ahead of the opponents."

Legal 500

"Max is an outstanding insurance junior. Very strong on the law, writes well, and very nice to work with."



Legal 500

"Max is very diligent and beyond his years of call."

Chambers & Partners

"Max is a really excellent barrister. He is extremely intelligent. He thinks strategically and is good at identifying the strongest points. He is regularly instructed in the biggest cases in banking and finance and is very popular with clients."

Legal 500

"Max is very personable and engaging, and give succinct and digestible advice to clients on tricky issues."

Legal 500

"Max Evans is simply outstanding."

Chambers & Partners

"Max Evans quickly gets to grips with complex points. He is also extremely responsive and helpful for all queries."

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Directory Rankings

Chambers & Partners – Global

- Dispute Resolution: Commercial – UK

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- Banking & Finance
- Civil Fraud
- Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Insurance



Legal 500

- Banking & Finance (including Consumer Credit)
- Insurance & Reinsurance
- International Arbitration

Education

- MA, Cambridge University (Medicine and Law): First (2013) (2nd in year)
- LLM, Cambridge University: First Class (2014)
- BPTC, BPP University: Outstanding (2015)

Appointments, Memberships and Prizes

- Prize for outstanding results on the BPTC (Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize and Certificate of Honour, Middle Temple)
- Major Scholarship for the BPTC (Middle Temple)
- Prize awarded to a single graduating student for academic excellence (Greene Medal, Clare College, Cambridge)
- Prize for the highest mark across the University in Land Law (Falcon Chambers Prize, Cambridge)
- Prize for the highest undergraduate mark in a dissertation in the humanities or social sciences (Lady Clare Precious Pearl Prize, Clare College, Cambridge)
- Prize for the best result in Part IA or IB law (Milon Banerji Law Prize, Clare College, Cambridge)
- MA, Cambridge University (Medicine and Law): Double First (2013) (2nd in year)
- LLM, Cambridge University: First Class (2014)
- BPTC, BPP University: Outstanding (2015)

Publications

- Contributor to *Private Law and the UK Supreme Court* (2026).
- Contributor to *MacGillivray on Insurance Law*.
- Jonathan Brock KC Memorial Essay Prize 2016.

Awards



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