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Robin Barclay KC is one of the UK Bar's foremost commercial silks for cases spanning different practice areas. His expertise straddles a broad range of commercial litigation and arbitration in the UK, offshore, and across multiple international jurisdictions, as well as significant UK and international financial services regulatory proceedings.

Robin has been recognized for many years as a Leading Silk by the Legal 500 and Chambers UK and HNW Guides which describe him as a specialist in banking litigation, commercial work, financial services, economic sanctions, and financial crime. This reflects the breadth of his expertise for corporate and UHNW and HNW clients in banking, finance, financial services and securities litigation; company and commercial disputes; civil fraud, financial crime and sanctions; international trusts; public law; and senior management professional discipline.

As well as English courts and tribunals, and arbitral tribunals under LCIA and other rules, Robin frequently acts, or appears as an expert witness, in cases in offshore jurisdictions. Most recently, this has included Antigua & Barbuda, Cyprus, Guernsey, and Malta.

Robin is the leading UK Silk on the duties and liabilities of issuers and company directors in the UK's reformed capital markets regulatory ecosystem. In August 2024 he authored a landmark opinion on the reforms to the UK Listing Rules. Read the piece [here](#).

## Recent Highlights

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# Expertise

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## Administrative & Public Law

Robin's administrative law and public law work takes place in the Administrative Court and, on an *ad hoc* basis, overseas. It includes judicial review of decisions made by regulatory agencies in high profile global and domestic investigations, international mutual legal assistance cases, search warrant challenges, sanctions designations, constitutional claims and human rights.

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## Notable Administrative & Public Law cases

*Gurieva-Motlokhov v The Port Manager of The Port Authority of Antigua and Barbuda et al*, Claim No.



## **ANUHCVP2023/0028 [2023-2025]**

International Russian sanctions case concerning Antigua's decision to pass legislation to expropriate a US\$120 million US, UK and EU sanctioned superyacht moored in its waters. The vessel was seized, unblocked by OFAC and sold by auction by the Antiguan authorities, who retained the net sale proceeds to settle part of the national debt. Substantive and interlocutory proceedings in the Antigua and Barbuda High Court, and the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal. Sanctions. Trusts. Ships. Human Rights. Constitutional and judicial review claims.

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## **Re X [2023-2025]**

Advising various UHNW Russian individuals challenging their designation by UK FCDO under the UK Russia sanctions regulations.

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## **R (on the application of Terra Services Limited) v NCA [2021] 1 WLR 1**

Judicial review of UKLA's direction to NCA to seek a search warrant under UK/US MLAT and decision to issue warrant in connection with the high-profile US Mueller Investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 US Presidential Election and a fraud, money laundering, tax and US sanctions probe involving oligarchs and US political lobbyists.

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## **R (on the application of Terra Services Limited) v NCA [2020] 1 WLR 1149**

Pre-permission judicial review application for special advocate in closed material procedure.

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## **R (on the application of Terra Services Limited) v NCA [2019] EWHC 3165 (Admin)**

Pre-permission judicial review PII and confidentiality applications hearing. Closed material procedure.

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## **R (on the application of Terra Services Limited) v NCA [2019] EWHC 1933 (Admin)**

Pre-permission judicial review CMC concerning cross applications for disclosure and non-disclosure on the grounds of PII and confidentiality.

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## **R (on the application of Newcastle United Football Club Limited) v HMRC [2017] EWHC 2402 (Admin)**

Judicial review of search warrant issued to HMRC in connection with a high-profile UK tax and money laundering investigation into football clubs, players and agents.

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## **R (on the application of Unaenergy Group Holding Pte Limited) v SFO [2017] EWHC 600 (Admin)**

Judicial review of decisions of Serious Fraud Office to request mutual legal assistance, compel the production of information and documents and to deny access to material seized in Monaco under an international search warrant.

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## Banking & Finance

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Robin's banking and finance work takes place in the Commercial Court and Chancery Division, as well as in UK and overseas financial services regulatory tribunals, internal disciplinary proceedings, and the criminal courts. It includes UK and non-UK investment, retail and clearing banks, and other credit and financial institutions and payment service providers; asset managers, hedge funds, and private equity companies and partnerships; global insurers, Lloyd's managing agents and syndicates; futures and options brokers and inter-dealer brokers; debt, contractual and tortious claims; de-banking and de-risking; EU and UK MAR; AML and POCA reports; VREQs; account freezes; and significant regulatory enforcement investigations concerning breaches of UK MAR, FSMA and the PRA and FCA Handbook Rules.

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## FCA v Metro Bank plc [2024]

High-profile FCA financial services regulatory enforcement proceedings into breaches of the FCA Principles for Businesses relating to AML ATM systems and controls. £50bn of retail and commercial transactions unmonitored. Settled pre-RDC hearing. £17 million financial penalty.

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£multi-million ESG IPO securities investment fraud, conflicts of interest, abuse of position, and systems and controls circumvention complaints by investment advisers and analysts of an AIFM. Allegations levelled against the firm's CIO and investment committee. Internal investigation. FCA Supervision.

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## **FCA v Al Rayan Bank plc, Final Notice [2023]**

FCA financial services regulatory enforcement proceedings. AML risk management systems and control failings concerning the Bank's 90,000 personal, business and premier customers, including customers from member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council, and UHNW Gulf customers of the Bank's Knightsbridge branch. Settled. £4 million financial penalty.

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## **FCA v ADM Investor Services International Limited, Final Notice [2023]**

FCA financial services regulatory enforcement proceedings. AML risk management systems and control failings across the global investment brokerage's UK HNW and corporate customer base. Contentious RDC proceedings. £6 million financial penalty.

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## **FCA v Sigma Broking Limited and Matthew Kent, Final Notice [2022]**

FCA financial services regulatory enforcement proceedings concerning corporate governance and directors' and senior managers' collective responsibility for EU MAR and financial crime systems and controls. Settled. £500,000 corporate financial penalty. £80,000 individual financial penalty. Prohibition orders and fines imposed on co-directors.

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## **Re X v EDF Trading Limited [2021]**

Advising power trader in flawed internal disciplinary investigation concerning UK MAR and the dissemination of price-sensitive information relating to US\$400 million EDF Trading trading losses.

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## **SFO v Barclays plc and Barclays Bank plc (Qatar) [2019]**

£multi-billion fraud and financial assistance prosecution in connection with the bank's capital raising schemes at the height of the 2008 financial crisis.

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## **Punjab National Bank, India [2019]**

US\$multi-billion bank borrowing criminal fraud investigation, extradition and prosecution of high-profile Indian jeweller.

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## **FCA v Cenkos Securities plc, Final Notice [2016]**

FCA financial services regulatory enforcement proceedings concerning the listing of Quindell plc on the Main

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Market, and breaches of the Listing Rules by its corporate sponsor. Settled. £500,000 financial penalty.

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## FCA v Anderson & Ors (Operation Tabernula) [2016]

FCA's largest insider trading prosecution. £multi-million derivatives (spread bet) trading in connection with price-sensitive information held by corporate brokers at Lehman, Deutsche and Morgan Stanley concerning FTSE 100, 250 and AIM-listed companies. Five-month jury trial. Acquittal.

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## FCA v Shah (Operation Saturn)

FCA multi-handed insider trading prosecution. £multi-million derivatives (spread bet) trading in connection with price-sensitive information held by JP Morgan and UBS concerning FTSE 100, 250 and AIM-listed companies. Five-month jury trial. Conviction. Confiscation.

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## FCA v Sidhu

FCA insider trading prosecution. £multi-million derivatives (spread bet) trading in connection with front-running by hedge fund trader. Jury trial. Conviction. Confiscation.

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## SFO v Kallakis

US\$1billion cross-border Allied Irish Bank and Bank of Scotland borrowing fraud and money laundering prosecution. Two six-month jury trials. Conviction. Confiscation. Receivership.

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## Civil Fraud

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Robin's civil fraud work takes place in the Commercial Court and Chancery Division and embraces high-value claims that focus on cross-border disputes; claims for declarations, sums due and damages; and applications for interim relief and remedies including freezing injunctions, search orders and *Norwich Pharmacal* relief.

He acted in England's longest and most complex £3.3 billion civil fraud case, *HP Autonomy v Lynch and Hussain* [2022] EWHC 1178 (Ch) and has acted and advised in connection with numerous multi-handed fraud and misrepresentation claims, as well as breach of fiduciary duty, deceit, bribery, dishonest assistance, conspiracy and knowing receipt in a range of sectors. More recently, he has been instructed to act in fraud claims affected by international financial sanctions, and investor claims for misrepresentation and under s90A/Sch 10A FSMA.

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Listing, DTR, UK MAR and s90A/Sch 10A FSMA advice to a PE firm and subsidiaries concerning subjective, unfair and unbalanced Market Disclosures by a dual-listed issuer relating to fraudulent M&A misrepresentations, inflated corporate valuations, multi-million-dollar losses and arbitral proceedings.

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## Commercial Disputes

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Robin frequently advises and represents clients from a wide range of industries in relation to a broad range of business disputes arising under commercial agreements including sale and purchase agreements, shareholder and partnership / LLP agreements, and futures and options agreements.

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## Commercial Crime - Corporates

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He is regularly instructed to advise and represent FTSE100 and FTSE250 companies and their Boards of directors on their potential rights, duties and liabilities at the outset of internal and external investigations, holistic case strategies and negotiations and on disclosing or otherwise reporting problems to the SFO, FCA, international law enforcement agencies and/or to the securities markets. He is considered an expert on Confiscation and the Proceeds of Crime Act 2022.

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## Notable Commercial Crime - Corporates cases

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### Terra Services Limited v NCA and Secretary of State for Home Department [2019-2024]

Long-running challenge to the NCA's seizure of confidential documentation belonging to Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska and companies associated with him (including EN+ plc and Rusal) said to be relevant to the US Mueller Investigation and high profile US financial crime and US sanctions investigations.

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### Q plc and overseas subsidiaries

Multi-million-pound internal bribery investigation into sales contracts in Brazil, India, Indonesia, China, South Korea, USA, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Nigeria, Jordan, Malaysia. Self-reports to SFO and DOJ.

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### SFO v Alstom Power Ltd

Multi-million-pound corruption prosecution and plea agreement. £17 million financial penalties.

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### 1MDB

Multi-billion-dollar global money laundering and asset freezing probe.

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## Company, Restructuring & Insolvency

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Robin's company law work involves litigation, advice and investigations conducted by the Insolvency Service under the Companies Act, audit and accountancy work under the Companies Act, and the Takeover Code. It includes directors' duties, boardroom disputes, public interest investigations and winding up petitions, directors' disqualification proceedings and criminal liability, and foreign companies. His insolvency work involves litigation and advice.

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Company law and financial services regulatory advice concerning corporate ownership re-structuring arrangements in the world's most prestigious retail venue. £1billion portfolio. Corporate governance, directors' powers and duties. Trusts, trustees' powers and duties. Investment partnerships. Conflicts of interest. FSMA. PERG. UCITS. AIFs. AIFMR/AIFMD. CISs. RAO. Non-Promotion. Retail clients.

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### **The Collapse of Carillion plc [2022-2023]**

Acting for one of Carillion's accountants in the well-publicised director disqualification proceedings, as well as the FRC and FCA disciplinary misconduct proceedings concerning the £7 billion collapse of Carillion plc.

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### Stobart Group v Tinkler [2018]

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## Financial Services

Robin's financial services law work involves litigation, advice and significant regulatory and disciplinary enforcement investigations and proceedings under the jurisdiction of the PRA, FCA, FRC, Takeover Panel, LSE, AIM, LME, ICE Futures Europe and overseas regulators, courts and tribunals on an ad hoc basis. It includes investment banks, retail banks and clearing banks; issuers, sponsors and Nomads; global insurers, reinsurers, and Lloyd's syndicates and managing agents; credit institutions and other payment service providers; investment companies and partnerships; inter-dealer brokers and other brokers; CISs, AIFMs, and non-regulated investment arrangements; de-banking and de-risking; digital assets, including crypto-tokens and cryptoassets; Listing, Market Disclosures and EU and UK MAR; VREQs; AML and POCA.

Robin is the leading barrister on the duties and liabilities of issuers and directors in the UK's reformed capital markets regulatory ecosystem, having launched a landmark opinion piece in August 2024 on the reforms to the UK Listing Rules. Read the piece [here](#).

The feedback from clients to the Chambers Guide is: "*Robin is a go-to silk for complex financial services contentious work.*"

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### Notable Financial Services cases

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#### Re X v Y plc [2025]

£multi-million s90A and Schedule 10A FSMA investor claim against high-profile UK issuer concerning untrue and/or misleading statements and omissions in, and delay in publishing, systems and controls failings. Securities litigation. Listing, MAR and DTR issuer duties and liabilities.

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#### VTB Capital plc v JP Morgan Securities plc [2025]

£multi-million banking and finance debt and breach of contract claim in the Chancery Division against UK bank, JPMS, by VTBC, the high-profile Russian investment bank forced into administration following the designation of its parent, VTB Bank PJSC. Insolvency and administration. Investment banking, securities, derivatives, futures and options trading. ISDA Master Agreement. UK and US sanctions and licenses. Wind down and termination of contracts.

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## FCA v Metro Bank plc [2024]

High-profile FCA financial services regulatory enforcement proceedings into breaches of the FCA Principles for Businesses relating to AML ATM systems and controls. £50bn of retail and commercial transactions unmonitored. Settled pre-RDC hearing. £17 million financial penalty.

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## The Odey Asset Management Financial Times Sexual Harassment Controversy [2023-2024]

Allegations of non-financial misconduct and corporate governance failures by one of London's most well-known hedge fund managers and the LLP that he founded. FCA enforcement investigation and other proceedings. High profile *Financial Times* investigation and reporting. VREQ. Limited liability partnerships and members' agreements. Rights and powers of controlling members. Powers and duties of Executive Committee. Removal of founder and controlling member. Wind down.

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## Re: X Limited, Y LP and Z LLP [2024-2025]

Company law and financial services regulatory advice concerning corporate ownership re-structuring arrangements in the world's most prestigious retail venue. £1billion portfolio. Corporate governance, directors' powers and duties. Trusts, trustees' powers and duties. Investment partnerships. Conflicts of interest. FSMA. PERG. UCITS. AIFs. AIFMR/AIFMD. CISs. RAO. Non-Promotion. Retail clients.

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## Re: X plc [2024]

Listing, DTR, UK MAR and s90A/Sch 10A FSMA advice to a PE firm and subsidiaries concerning subjective, unfair and unbalanced Market Disclosures by a dual-listed issuer relating to fraudulent M&A misrepresentations, inflated corporate valuations, multi-million-dollar losses and arbitral proceedings.

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## Re: X plc [2024]

Listing, DTR, Market Disclosure and UK MAR advice to a corporate Trustee concerning a proposed re-structuring of significant shareholdings in a member of the FTSE100.

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## Re: X LLP [2023-2024]





£multi-million ESG IPO securities investment fraud, conflicts of interest, abuse of position, and systems and controls circumvention complaints by investment advisers and analysts of an AIF. Allegations levelled against the firm's CIO and investment committee. Internal investigation. FCA Supervision.

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## GFSC v Domaille and Others [2021-2024]

Guernsey professional disciplinary proceedings concerning AML risk management systems and controls, corporate governance, and trust services failings across the business of a prominent international trust and fiduciary company. UHNWI PEPs, oligarchs and entrepreneurs. GFSC, Royal Court and Guernsey Court of Appeal proceedings. Trusts. AML. Sanctions. Directors' duties.

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## FCA v Al Rayan Bank plc, Final Notice [2023]

FCA financial services regulatory enforcement proceedings. AML risk management systems and control failings concerning the Bank's 90,000 personal, business and premier customers, including customers from member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council and UHNW GCC customers of the Bank's Knightsbridge branch. Settled. £4 million financial penalty.

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## FCA v ADM Investor Services International Limited, Final Notice [2023]

FCA financial services regulatory enforcement proceedings. AML risk management systems and control failings across the global investment brokerage's HNW and corporate customer base. Contentious RDC proceedings. £6 million financial penalty.

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## The Collapse of Carillion plc [2022-2023]

Acting for one of Carillion's accountants in the well-publicised director disqualification proceedings, as well as the FRC and FCA disciplinary misconduct proceedings concerning the £7 billion collapse of Carillion plc.

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## Re X (individual) [2022]

Acting in the Takeover Panel's largest and longest-running enforcement investigation concerning individuals acting in concert to acquire shares, in breach of Rule 9 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers and causing £multi-million losses to investors.

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FCA financial services regulatory enforcement proceedings concerning corporate governance and directors' and senior managers' collective responsibility for EU MAR and financial crime systems and controls. Settled. £500,000 corporate financial penalty.

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### **Re X v EDF Trading Limited [2021]**

Advising power trader in flawed internal disciplinary investigation concerning UK MAR and the dissemination of price-sensitive information relating to \$400 million EDF Trading trading losses.

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### **Re X Plc**

FCA probe into breaches of the Listing Rules and EU MAR.

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### **Re X**

Advising high profile CEO concerning whistle blower report to FCA and EU MAR.

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### **Re X (individual)**

Takeover Panel investigation into breaches of Rule 9 of the Takeover Code.

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### **FRC v Sports Direct International Plc**

FRC investigation into breaches of audit and accountancy regulations.

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### **FCA v Cenkos Securities plc, Final Notice [2016]**

FCA financial services regulatory enforcement proceedings concerning Quindell plc and breaches of the Listing Rules by corporate sponsor. Settled. £500,000 financial penalty.

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## **International Arbitration**

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Robin frequently acts and advises alone or leading teams in UK and international arbitrations under LCIA, ICC and other rules, and in related court applications.

### **Notable International Arbitration cases**

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### **Re: X v Y LLP [2023-2024]**



Leading Jeremy Callman (10 Old Square) and Leonora Sagan representing high-profile hedge fund LLP in £500 million LCIA arbitration (Panel: Lord Neuberger). Settled.

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## Re: X [2024]

Advising global glass manufacturer on UK and EU trade sanctions liabilities re enforcement of US\$150 million HKIAC arbitral award to Russian entity post-acquisition of Russian subsidiary under UK/EU Russian divestment scheme.

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## Re: Renaissance Securities (Cyprus) Limited v X and Ors. [2024]

Leading silk representing UK-sanctioned Russian/Cyprus individual in Commercial Court arbitration claim against various entities and individuals sanctioned by the US, UK and EU. UK anti-anti-suit claim against \$multi-million Russian Commercial Court claims and Russian anti-suit injunctions in breach of various investment agreements containing LCIA clauses.

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## Re: Terra Services Limited v NCA [2023-2024]

Leading silk representing US/UK/EU-sanctioned individuals and entities connected with them in judicial review and related High Court proceedings of UK execution of US MLA request to seize numerous \$billion arbitral and litigation settlement agreements and other confidential material. The MLA request formed part of US Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 Presidential Election.

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## Re: X LP [2021]

Leading silk representing US / Cayman family office and private investment funds seeking to enforce \$multi-million CAM-CCBC arbitral award against UK and US nationals and entities in UK and parallel £multi-million Commercial Court litigation.

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## Offshore

Robin's offshore practice straddles different practices areas. It includes acting and advising in cases involving UHNWIs, international trusts, financial sanctions, fraud and financial crime, professional misconduct and discipline, and constitutional and public law. He has acted in cases involving numerous offshore jurisdictions and international financial centres including Antigua and Barbuda, Bermuda, the BVI, the Cayman Islands, Guernsey, Jersey, Malta, Nevis, Singapore, and St Kitts.

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## Notable Offshore cases

**Gurieva-Motlokhov v The Port Manager of The Port Authority of Antigua and Barbuda et al, Claim No. ANUHCVP2023/0028 [2023-2025]**



International Russian sanctions case concerning Antigua's decision to pass legislation to expropriate a US\$120 million US, UK and EU sanctioned superyacht moored in its waters. The vessel was seized, unblocked by OFAC and sold by auction by the Antiguan authorities, who retained the net sale proceeds to settle part of the national debt despite OFAC licensing them to pay the proceeds into a blocked US bank account. Substantive and interlocutory proceedings in the Antigua and Barbuda High Court, and the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal. Sanctions. Trusts. Ships. Human Rights. Constitutional and judicial review claims.

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## Re: X Limited and Y [2024]

Advising Guernsey trust company and UHNWI on UK and Guernsey sanctions and financial crime liabilities re the supply of €500 million of Covid 19 vaccines to Latin America by Russia's RDIF and related matters.

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## Privilege, Confidentiality & Conflicts of Interest

Robin's practice in these areas spans litigation in the English High Court, representation in regulatory investigations and enforcement proceedings, and advice and representation in public interest investigations in the commercial, criminal and regulatory spheres.

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### **SFO v ENRC [2016-2020]**

Litigation and legal advice privilege claims concerning solicitors' working papers and materials for the brief generated during an internal investigation and in contemplation of potential prosecution.

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### **Terra Services Limited v NCA**

Litigation and legal advice privilege claims concerning solicitors' working papers made in contemplation of litigation as well as non-privileged copy documents obtained at the instance of solicitors from third parties as materials for the brief after litigation commenced.

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### **FRC v Jones**

Conflicts of interest concerning actuary and client company directors who were also trustees of the employee pension fund. FRC disciplinary proceedings and sanction.

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### **GFSC v X (firm)**

Trust and fiduciary firm's receipt of shares in lieu of outstanding client fees. Shares in UK listed company controlled by client. GFSC disciplinary proceedings and sanction.

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## **Professional Discipline**

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Robin's professional discipline work involves regulatory enforcement investigations and proceedings before tribunals such as the FCA, FRC, Takeover Panel, work in overseas courts and tribunals, and internal disciplinary investigations carried out by employers. It includes firms and individuals working in financial services under the SM&CR, accountants and actuaries under the FRC schemes, and professional misconduct under the applicable disciplinary codes, rules and contracts of employment, and reports and notifications to regulators.

### **Notable Professional Discipline cases**

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### **The Odey Asset Management Financial Times Sexual Harassment Controversy [2023-2024]**

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### FRC v Hussain [2014-2019]



Acting for Autonomy Corp plc's ex-CFO in FRC disciplinary proceedings concerning the software company's statutory audits and accounts. Stayed.

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## FRC v Sports Direct

Acting for the company and various individuals in the FRC disciplinary investigation concerning the sports retailers statutory audits and accounts.

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## FRC v Jones

Acting for an actuary in FRC disciplinary proceedings concerning conflicts of interest. Settled.

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## Sanctions

Robin's sanctions work involves litigation, regulatory enforcement proceedings, and advice and representation in England and internationally. It includes challenging UK and EU sanctions designations, license applications, asset freezes, trust services, trade sanctions, ships, aircraft, art and jewellery, professional, business and legal advisory services, investments and divestments, reporting and enforcement.

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## Notable Sanctions cases

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### Re X [2025]

Corporate divestment of £multi-million minority shareholding in high-profile UK tech company held by EU investment fund owned and controlled by entities owned and controlled by Russian investor designated by the UK Government for UK sanctions, in tandem with £multi-million acquisition of the majority interest of the UK tech company by a global US venture capital and PE fund via equity and debt financing from US and UK credit and financial institutions. Company law. Share cancellations and share capital reduction. Banking and Finance. Sanctions. Multi-party UK OFSI licence application. London Stock Exchange announcement.

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### Re X v Y and Z [2025]

Specialist sanctions counsel for telecoms company pursuing a claim for in excess of US\$500 million against PEP and related company, following the designation of PEP by the UK government under the Global Anti-Corruption Sanctions Regulations 2021.

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**Re X [2024-2025]**

Advising various UHNW individual on challenging their designation by UK FCDO under the UK Russia sanctions regulations.

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**Re X [2024]**

Advising a global insurer on various UK, EU and offshore trade sanctions issues in connection with the application of LMA 3100A and LMA 3200, kidnap and ransom cover in sanctions jurisdictions, and the insurer's due diligence and other sanctions risk management controls, policies and procedures.





### **Re X v Renaissance Securities (Cyprus) Limited [2023]**

Interim anti-suit injunction, and anti-anti-suit injunction by investment services company against Cypriot and Russian investment companies owned or controlled by Russian persons designated by US, UK and EU sanctions concerning actions in alleged breach of an LCIA arbitration agreement. Commercial Court. ASI.

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### **Terra Services v NCA and Secretary of State for Home Department [2019-2024]**

Civil and criminal proceedings connected to the US Mueller Investigation into fraud and money laundering and Russian interference in the 2016 US Presidential Election, and US sanctions violations. Judicial review, mutual legal assistance, letters of request, confidentiality, public interest immunity, closed material procedures, special advocates, legal privilege, privacy.

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### **Bank X [2022-2023]**

Various corporate customer disputes, FCA and NCA investigations, AFOs, POCA and OFSI disclosures made by the Bank and regulated business customers in connection with it freezing £multi-million funds for suspected money laundering and sanctions violations.

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### **Re X**

OFSI licence application and UK/EU sanctions and POCA advice concerning a £bn contract involving the Russian Direct Investment Fund, humanitarian relief and commissions concerning the same.

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### **Re X**

OFSI licence application and UK sanctions advice concerning on-going litigation involving two designated persons and entities owned and controlled by them.

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### **Re X**

UK/EU sanctions and POCA advice to various City institutions and multi-asset brokerages holding £multi-mn balances belonging to, or trading with, designated persons and entities owned or controlled by them.

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### **Re X**

UK/EU sanctions and POCA advice to various FTSE 100 and 250 companies concerning £multi-mn divestments and trading activities in or connected with Russia.

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### **Re X**

UK/EU sanctions advice to various UK companies concerning potential £multi-mn corporate acquisitions linked to

designated persons and persons connected with Russia.

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#### Re X

UK/EU sanctions advice to designated persons and members of their immediate and wider family concerning designation (effect / challenge), offshore trusts and trust structures, divestments and seizures, licenses, reporting and related matters.

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#### Re X

UK/EU sanctions and POCA advice to various global-facing investment vehicles and private equity firms concerning £multi-mn investments connected with Russia.

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#### Re X

Advising various law firms and counsel on the meaning and application of the UK/EU Russia sanctions framework to their services, General Licences and Specific Licences.

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#### Re X

UK sanctions advice to various high profile clients in a long-running SFO fraud, bribery, sanctions and money laundering investigation concerning Africa.

## Directory Quotes

*"Robin is brilliant. He's a strong and persuasive advocate with a lot of gravitas in the courtroom."*

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*"Robin is enormously bright and decisive. He gives clear and commercially savvy advice and inspires confidence in clients."*

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- Sanctions
- Financial Crime: Corporates
- Professional Discipline

### Legal 500

- Financial Services and FinTech Regulation
- Business & Regulatory Crime (including Global Investigations)
- Proceeds of Crime Act & Asset Forfeiture
- Professional Disciplinary & Regulatory Law

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## International Bar / Court Appointments

- Called to the Bar of Antigua & Barbuda
- Registered Practitioner, Dubai International Financial Centre Courts (DIFC)

## Appointments, Memberships and Prizes

- COMBAR
- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association
- Financial Services Lawyers Association
- Middle Temple Gottlieb Prize (1999)
- Middle Temple Ede & Ravenscroft Prize (1999)
- Grammy Award (1994)

## Publications

- Co-author “*UK Listing Reform: View From The Bar*” with Annie Davis (2024)
- Co-author “*The Practitioner’s Guide to Global Investigations – Monitorships*” chapter with Nico Leslie, Chris Morvillo, Celeste Koeleveld and Meredith George (Clifford Chance) (2022-2024)
- Co-author “*Bribery – Criminal Sentence & Regulatory Sanctions*” chapter with Simon Paul (2020)
- “*Impact of Brexit*” by Sir Francis Jacobs KC, Timothy Dutton KC, Richard Lissack KC, Bankim Thanki KC, Nicholas Medcroft, Robin Barclay, Tamara Oppenheimer, Eleanor Davison and Philip Ahlquist as published by GIR (July 2016)

## Awards

