Radcliffe Chambers

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**Christopher Boardman KC** is a leading company and commercial KC, who is known as an astute strategist, strong advocate and valued team player. He has long been sought after as an expert in complex insolvency and fraud disputes, and has an established general commercial and banking litigation practice in silk. Much of his work raises international issues and conflict of law disputes. Chris has extensive experience in multi-national and disciplinary teams, and enjoys working closely with professional and lay clients to understand their objectives and achieve the best possible outcome. He is called to the Bar of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (BVI and SVG).

Clients interviewed by the legal directories describe Chris as *"one of the brightest barristers we have encountered"* and *"definitely someone you want on your side in a difficult fight"* (Chambers UK Bar). He is ranked for his commercial, banking and insolvency practices, and is consistently singled out for the quality of his advocacy and strategic insight, as well as for his approachability and unflappable nature.

### COMMERCIAL

Chris is a leading barrister for commercial litigation, with a particular specialism in cases involving allegations of fraud and financial wrongdoing. He is frequently instructed in cases involving multiple jurisdictions and complex corporate structures. His experience in company and insolvency disputes makes him exceptionally well-placed to advise on tracing, enforcement and asset recovery issues. He has extensive experience obtaining interim remedies, including freezing and proprietary injunctions, search and disclosure orders, the appointment of interim receivers and, where appropriate, provisional liquidators.

Chris' recent work includes

- Bringing a £12 million professional negligence claim against a fund manager, defending an accountancy firm against a multi-million claim for negligent misstatement and acting for a former bank employee in a £36 million conspiracy claim.
- Acting for the liquidators of a property fund in a £10m professional negligence claim against its manager, for an investment fund defending a claim by an introducer seeking £6m in commission, for an investor in a

bridging loan business claiming £8 m under guarantees, and for PIP claimants in a £15m professional negligence claim against a defendant's solicitors and counsel.

**BANKING**

Chris worked in derivatives before becoming a barrister, so he understands the issues faced by financial institutions and their advisers. Chris acts regularly for banks and borrowers in international finance and secured lending disputes. He has particular expertise in security instruments, including asset mortgages and company charges. He offers wide-ranging experience including of crypto-currencies, international payments, commodities and guarantees.

Chris' recent work includes

- Acting for Lloyds Bank in a claim under an asset finance indemnity, for Credit Suisse in a foreign currency mortgage mis-selling claim, and for Brown Shipley and KBL in a £68 million breach of duty and conspiracy claim.
- Acting for a bank defending a borrower's claim to set aside a £6m facility and related property mortgage, for a lender defending a claim to set aside security over £28m of mobile homes, for LPA receivers seeking possession of a £3m property by subrogation following a mortgage fraud, and for an investor in a bridging loan business seeking to recover £5m under guarantees.

**COMPANY**

Chris has an established reputation as a leading advocate and adviser in the area of company law most of which involving international elements. He has appeared in numerous minority shareholder, unfair prejudice and equitable winding-up trials. He is a trusted adviser in cases as diverse as articles of association, meetings, resolutions and shareholder agreements. He offers particular experience in wrongful trading, director misfeasance and unlawful dividend claims.

Chris' recent work includes

- Defending a £15 million double-derivative action brought by the beneficiary shareholders of an international trust company, acted for nine loan note holders seeking a declaration that a resolution restructuring £40 million of loan notes was valid and defended a £1.5 million claim for breach of fiduciary duty by the administrators of a china and glass trading company.
- Acting for the defendants to an unfair prejudice claim relating to a substantial car auction business, for tax investment companies solvently dissolving despite £ multi-million of contingent claims, for a director setting side orders for the restoration of a company to the register following the sale of Indian subsidiaries, and for investors in a property development company bringing a £7m misfeasance claim against the director.

**INSOLVENCY**

Chris' expertise in the field of insolvency law has long been recognised. He is regularly instructed in difficult corporate rescues, wrongful trading and asset recovery cases. His experience extends to all aspects of insolvency from voluntary arrangements to liquidations and bankruptcies. Chris has acted in numerous of high-profile cases both domestically and internationally.

Chris' recent work includes

- Acting for two funds being wound-up in the Isle of Man bringing a £15 million claim against their former manager, made an application for the appointment of administrators over a group of companies engaged in cryptocurrency trading, and represented the liquidators of six companies in

a pay day lending group in applications challenging the validity of their appointment.
- Acting for the liquidators of a bridging loan company defending an appeal against the rejection of a £1m proof of debt, for a creditor seeking to winding-up a £20m London property investment company in the face of allegations of family fraud, for the UK's largest engineering bar producer opposing an administration application issued by its subsidiary, and for a lender with interests in £28m of caravan sites defending a transaction at an undervalue claim by administrators.

## RECOGNITION

Chris is consistently recommended as a leading insolvency junior and a leading chancery commercial junior by *Chambers UK Bar*. He is also recommended for commercial litigation, insolvency, and banking and finance by *The Legal 500 UK Bar*. The directories highlight:

- *"Christopher is an excellent advocate with a calm but firm approach. He is particularly good at breaking down complex matters and explaining these in a straightforward way that clients are able to quickly understand. Christopher always keeps the bigger picture in mind and makes sure that an overall strategy is in place from the outset."* (Commercial Litigation, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2026*)
- *"He's one of the sharpest minds and tenacious advocates"* (Insolvency, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2026*)
- *"Christopher is very smart and adopts a commercial view. He is a straightforward advocate who goes through everything logically and hits all the points."* (Chancery: Commercial, *Chambers UK Bar 2026)*
- *"Christopher is a client-friendly barrister who is very commercial and very responsive. He's a formidable advocate who's never out of his depth."* (Chancery: Commercial, *Chambers UK Bar 2026)*
- *"He is very good in court and is well prepared."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2026)*
- *"Christopher is really good. He is very client-friendly and very responsive, and produces superb advocacy."* (Chancery: Commercial, *Chambers UK Bar 2025)*
- *"He is very good at drafting and on the documents. A lawyer of steely determination, he isn't afraid of a fight and gives clients everything they want, in and out of court."* (Chancery: Commercial, *Chambers UK Bar 2025)*
- *"Christopher is a confident and accomplished advocate with a great mind. He is someone you want on your side in a difficult fight."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2025)*
- *"Christopher is great to have on side; he is a powerhouse."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2025)*
- *"He finds aspects of a case which evade other professionals and lead to a quick result."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2025)*
- *"Strong technical knowledge, ability to think laterally, proactive. Fast response times"* (Insolvency, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2025*)
- *"Christopher is excellent at strategy and is able to pick out the key issues in a case from the outset. His drafting is excellent and is able to get the right balance in presenting a case. His advocacy is second to none and he has grown into the role of leading counsel seamlessly."* (Insolvency, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2024*)
- *"Really excels at planning a case and applying lateral thinking to it. He comes up with solutions where others may not find them."* (Chancery: Commercial, *Chambers UK Bar 2024)*
- *"Christopher assesses the key issues in a case from the outset and then expertly marshals the evidence and manages the expectations of the client. Drafting wise, he's very good and his skeleton arguments always impress. In court he's really on top of the case law and has a very good manner before judges. He understands the particular judge he's in front of and the style of advocacy they like."* (Chancery: Commercial, *Chambers UK*

*Bar 2024)*

- *"He is a good litigator and very effective on his feet. We use him for our most difficult cases."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2024*)
- *"Christopher is an excellent advocate with a commanding presence."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2024*)
- *"He is really on top of the case law and also has a very good manner before judges."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2024*)
- *"He is excellent for strategy and has excellent judgement as well as being a fantastic advocate who is able to determine the key issues at an early stage."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2024*)
- *"A clever strategist who is commercially very savvy."* (Chancery: Commercial, *Chambers UK Bar 2023)*
- *"Chris has a very sharp and incisive mind. He also has excellent advocacy skills and is always a bright and reassuring influence."* (Insolvency, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2023*)
- *"He is very tenacious, practical and has great authority when he is on his feet."*, *"A fierce opponent who is well respected and well liked."* and *"A tough, robust and experienced litigator."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2022)*
- *"He is very robust in court, and is very clear in his arguments."* (Chancery: Commercial, *Chambers UK Bar 2022)*
- "*Simply excellent, he really gets his arms around a matter and takes it forward with real passion and vigour.*" (Insolvency, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2022*)
- "*A very strong silk who provides crystal clear advice and is highly commercial."* (Commercial Litigation, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2022*)
- "*Extremely strong silk, excellent to work with, crystal clear advice."* (Banking and Finance, *The Legal 500 UK Bar 2022*)
- *"A tenacious litigator who is brilliant in insolvency and shareholder disputes." "He is exceptional on his feet and very commercial – he sees the bigger picture and is focused on strategy. He is well known and respected by other barristers and judges."* (Chancery: Commercial, *Chambers UK Bar 2021*)
- *"An expert in insolvency – he's commercially very savvy, a clever strategist and an extremely effective advocate." "He is exceptional on his feet. He's practical, commercial and can see the bigger picture."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2021*)
- "*He is extremely good*." (Commercial Litigation, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2021*)
- "*His experience and knowledge is second-to-none."* (Insolvency and Banking and Finance, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2021*)
- *"A very approachable barrister who always has a clear strategy on cases from the outset."* (Banking and Finance, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2020*)
- *"Aggressive yet cordial on his feet, which gives clients confidence that he is presenting their case in the best way possible."* (Commercial Litigation, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2020*)
- *"A very clever and creative thinker; good on his feet but also user-friendly."* (Insolvency, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2020*)
- *"He is a confident, aggressive and accomplished advocate with a great mind. He's definitely someone you want on your side in a difficult fight." "He is an incredible fighter and is listened to in court." "He provides sound, commercial advice."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2020*)
- *"One of the brightest barristers we have encountered." "He's a go-to, he's excellent. He's great on strategy and a great advocate."* (Commercial Chancery, *Chambers UK Bar 2020)*

## POLICIES AND OTHER DETAILS

- Read Chris's Privacy Notice, Data Protection Policy and Disposal Policy