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### RECOMMENDATIONS

"She is a phenomenal advocate who is very good with paperwork, very approachable and very able in complex fraud disputes. Her knowledge of insolvency is first class."

**Tina Kyriakides** is a leading practitioner specialising in company, insolvency, commercial, fraud and banking and has been recommended in the major directories as a leading junior for company law, insolvency law and commercial litigation for many years. She has acted for a wide range of both professional and lay clients, including multinationals, and is often instructed in complex cases. She sits as a Deputy Insolvency and Companies Court Judge. She is also on the editorial board of R3's Recovery magazine, is a contributor to *Gore-Browne on Companies*, a pre-eminent book on company law, and is a consulting editor of Corporate Recovery & Insolvency.

### COMPANY

She has a solid and well-known reputation for advising on company and commercial matters, both litigious and non-litigious. Her expertise includes:

- Corporate governance and procedure
- Directors' duties and liabilities
- Accessory liability
- Fraud and recovery of corporate assets
- Shareholder disputes, including section 994 petitions, derivative claims, winding up petitions and breaches of shareholders' agreements
- Issues relating to shares and membership, including rectification of the share register, class rights, pre-emption rights and drag and tag provisions
- Claims relating to share sale agreements
- Maintenance of capital, including the purchase by a company of its own shares, financial assistance, distributions to shareholders and capital reductions
- Striking off of companies and dissolution

- All aspects of insolvency
- Mergers under the Companies (Cross-Border Mergers) Regulations 2007
- Joint venture and partnership disputes.

Her recent experience includes:

- Successfully defending a shareholder against claims for rectification of the register of members based on an alleged invalid exercise of drag along rights
- Advising a Delaware company on whether it was under a duty to prepare and file historic accounts and if so, of the consequences of not doing so
- Acting for a well-known UK group in relation to the successful restoration to the register of several former companies in the group and stays of their liquidations
- Advising a substantial property investment company on a proposed reconstruction
- Acting and obtaining a substantial settlement in relation to a section 994 petition and cross-petition involving allegations of fraud.

## **INSOLVENCY**

Tina is a recognised expert in the insolvency field (both corporate and personal) and has extensive experience (both of an advocacy and advisory nature) of most insolvency matters. Her expertise covers:

- Administration
- Receivership
- Individual and corporate voluntary arrangements
- All aspects of corporate and personal insolvency, including statutory demands, petitions, provisional liquidators, applications relating to the adjustment of prior transactions, misfeasance claims (including claims against officeholders), wrongful and fraudulent trading, public and private examinations
- Fraud and asset recovery, including claims for interim relief
- Cross-border issues
- Directors' disqualification.

Her recent experience includes:

- Advising a liquidator on numerous and complex claims relating to misappropriations of money, transactions at an undervalue, breaches of fiduciary duty and so forth
- Acting for ship owners in relation to claims made against them by the liquidators of an overseas P&I Club
- Successfully overturning on appeal a substantial judgment against an insolvency practitioner based on alleged breaches of duty
- Successfully resisting on behalf of liquidators an application for a meeting to be held for the purpose of their removal
- Successfully resisting a claim by a bankrupt against his former and current trustees for damages for conversion and other relief
- Successfully resisting an application for the removal of a trustee from office
- Acting for a well-known UK group in relation to the successful restoration to the register of several former companies in the group and stays of their liquidations

- Acting for administrators in two successful applications in two separate cases relating to the court upholding the validity of their appointments
- Advising on whether charges were fixed or floating, whether section 245 of the Insolvency Act 1986 was engaged and preferences
- Acting for a guarantor in relation to a multi-million pound claim against him.

## COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

Tina has a wide experience of general commercial law, including contractual disputes, misrepresentation claims, sale of goods, guarantees and indemnities, charges, debentures and other security interests, commercial and other agents, hire-purchase, leasing and other finance agreements, civil fraud and interim remedies such as freezing orders.

Her recent experience includes:

- Acting for a well-known multinational in a multi-million pound claim
- Acting for a well-known multinational in relation to substantial contractual claims
- Acting and obtaining a substantial settlement in relation to a section 994 petition and cross-petition involving allegations of fraud
- Successfully defending a shareholder against claims for rectification of the register of members based on an alleged invalid exercise of drag along rights.

## RECOGNITION

Tina has been recommended as a leading junior by both *Chambers UK Bar* and *The Legal 500 UK Bar* in the fields of company and insolvency. *The Legal 500 UK Bar* also recommends her as a leading junior in commercial litigation. The directories highlight the following:

- *"Tina is fantastically knowledgeable and great with clients."* (Company, *Chambers UK Bar 2020*)
- *"She is very careful and detail-oriented." "She's a go-to barrister for difficult insolvency matters. She has fantastic knowledge and is great with clients." "She always goes the extra mile and is very good on her feet."* (Restructuring and Insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2020*)
- *"She has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the law and is remarkably calm under pressure."* (Commercial Litigation, *The Legal 500 UK Bar 2020*)
- *"Powerful, authoritative and commanding."* (Company and Partnership, *The Legal 500 UK Bar*)
- *"Very approachable and hardworking, thorough and focused."* (Insolvency, *The Legal 500 UK Bar*)
- *"She is a phenomenal advocate who is very good with paperwork, very approachable and very able in complex fraud disputes. Her knowledge of insolvency is first class." "She is extremely thorough, personable and good on her feet." "She is excellent in complex cases which require great attention to detail."* (Restructuring/insolvency, *Chambers UK Bar 2019*)
- *"Very pragmatic and forthright in her advice, she displays great attention to detail and grasps complex ideas. She's also very easy to work with and*

- approachable.*" (Company, Chambers UK Bar 2019)
- *"Excellent in court."* (Insolvency, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2019)
  - *"Powerful, authoritative and commanding."* (Company and Partnership, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2019)
  - *"A formidable advocate - very approachable, hardworking, thorough and focused."* (Commercial Litigation, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2019)
  - *"She is supremely thorough, clever and reliable. She is diligent and attentive to detail and always impresses clients with her approach, client-handling skills and intelligence."* *"She is an extremely user-friendly and highly experienced junior - she is very sensible and commercially sound."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, Chambers UK Bar 2018)
  - *"She's someone you want in your corner as she's tenacious, clear-thinking and someone with good analytical skills."* (Company, Chambers UK Bar 2018)
  - *"A fantastic person to work with."* (Insolvency, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2017)
  - *"She has an encyclopaedic knowledge of company law and is therefore fantastic."* (Company and Partnership, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2017)
  - *"Relates well to the client and their expectations."* (Commercial Litigation, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2017)
  - *"She's extremely thorough, personable, tenacious and excellent on her feet."* (Restructuring/ Insolvency, Chambers UK Bar 2017)
  - *"She has an encyclopaedic knowledge of company law procedure."* (Company, Chambers UK Bar 2017)
  - *"Tenacious, thorough and knowledgeable, and a very good team player."* (Commercial litigation, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2016)
  - *"Diligent, calm and thorough, she always seems to find an answer to a difficult position."* (Company, Chambers UK Bar 2015)
  - *"She is very good at handling a difficult appointment, and has a very user-friendly approach."* (Insolvency, Chambers UK Bar 2015)
  - *"Highly praised for her solid pleadings."* (Commercial litigation, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2014)
  - *"Knowledgeable in her chosen fields, approachable, friendly and highly responsive."* (Company, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2014)
  - *"Very knowledgeable and thorough."* (Insolvency, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2014)
  - *"She is effective, personable, sensible and very thorough on the law."* *"Knowledgeable, approachable and highly responsive."* (Company, Chambers UK Bar 2014)
  - *"She is a tenacious litigator, who never gives up."* *"A great advocate, who is extremely thorough and hard-working."* (Restructuring/Insolvency, Chambers UK Bar 2014)