

Rebecca Wales

Partner
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Biography

Experienced commercial litigator, Rebecca Wales, acts for clients in some of the most complex and high value cross-border disputes before the English courts. She is commercial and pragmatic, and her ability calmly to manage large-scale, high stakes and multi-faceted disputes makes her popular with UK and international clients alike.

In recent years, Rebecca has taken a leading role on some of the largest civil fraud cases before the courts, including *BTA v Abyazov*, *Mezhprombank v Pugachev*, and *Privatbank v Kolomoisky*. She has acted on several ground breaking applications, and has significant experience of pre-emptive and interlocutory relief, including applications for freezing orders, search orders, third party disclosure, pre- and post-judgment receiverships and committal orders for contempt of court.

Rebecca's experience of international disputes goes far beyond the English court. Many of the disputes she handles involve concurrent litigation in multiple jurisdictions, including offshore venues such as the British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Cyprus and the Cayman Islands, the courts of several EU member states, and in CIS countries including Russia and Ukraine. She has also dealt with the recognition and enforcement of both English and foreign judgments all over the world.



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Languages

English

Practices

Litigation Services

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Corporate and Shareholder Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Industries

Automotive and Mobility

Energy and Natural Resources

Rebecca's skills have been widely acknowledged: she was a Rising Star for Legal Week in 2016, was in the Lawyer's Hot 100 list in 2017, and in 2018 was recognised as a "Next Generation Lawyer" by Legal 500. She was also a member of the teams winning the Lawyer's Litigation Team of the Year Award 2013, the American Lawyer Global Dispute of the Year 2014 and Chambers Global Award 2014 for Global Dispute Resolution Team of the Year.

Rebecca also co-heads the firm's pro-bono programme for victims of crime in the UK, including victims of human trafficking and the recent terrorist attacks in London and Manchester, which has won several awards in recent years, including the Lord Mayor's Dragon Award for Innovation 2018.

Representative experience

Acting for the DIA as liquidators against Sergei Pugachev to freeze g £1.17bn of his assets.

Acting for JSC BTA Bank in relation to a multi-billion dollar fraud claim against Mukhtar Abalyzov.

Acting for JSC CB PrivatBank in relation to US\$2bn fraud claim against the Bank's former shareholders.

Advising a major Russian retail group in relation to contentious issues arising out of the acquisition of a retail chain in Russia.

Co-head of Hogan Lovells' programme for victims of crime in the UK, including victims of domestic abuse, human trafficking, forced labour and terrorism.

Assisting a major Russian investment group with a multi-jurisdictional fraud dispute over a blocking stake in Russian mobile telecommunications operator, Megafon.

Acting for a global oil and gas company in connection with disputes with suppliers and service providers in the UK.

Financial Institutions

TMT

Areas of focus

Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation

Insolvency Litigation

Education and admissions

Education

University College London

Memberships

The Law Society

Court admissions

Senior Courts of England and Wales

Advising food and beverage manufacturer in relation to contractual disputes and consumer claims.

Acting for global mining conglomerate in proceedings in England against its former management.

Awards and rankings

- "Next Generation Lawyer", *Legal 500*, 2018
- Innovation, *The Lord Mayor's Dragon Awards*, 2018
- Hot 100, *The Lawyer*, 2017
- Pro Bono Team of the Year, *The Lawyer*, 2017
- Rising Star, *Legal Week*, 2016
- Dispute Resolution Team of the Year, *Chambers Global*, 2014
- Global Dispute of the Year Grand Prize, *American Lawyer*, 2014
- Litigation Team of the Year, *The Lawyer*, 2013

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells secures win for PrivatBank in the English Court of Appeal
- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells wins IP Team of the Year at 2018 The Lawyer Awards: The firm is also commended for its litigation, real estate and pro bono work
- Press Releases
 - Hot Property: Hogan Lovells Partners Featured in The Lawyer's Hot 100 2017