

## Richard I. Lewis

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London

### Biography

Widely recognised as a leader in his field, Richard is ranked as a tier one leading individual for commercial litigation by the Legal500. As a partner in our dispute resolution department, Richard focuses on high value and complex litigation, often originating in former CIS countries. He has extensive experience in cross-border litigation and fraud, including particular worldwide freezing injunctions and other powerful asset preservation relief.

Richard has acted on some of the most high profile disputes to come before the English courts in the past five years, including acting for the Kazakh bank BTA, on the ground-breaking dispute against its former Chairman, Mukhtar Ablyazov, who was found to have misappropriated assets worth billions of dollars. Another prolific case he acted on for the prominent Ukrainian businessman, Victor Pinchuk, in his high-profile dispute against Igor Kolomoisky and Gennady Bogolyubov over a mining business in Ukraine.

Whilst having acted on significant disputes in a wide-range of fields, Richard has particularly experience in the fields of banking and mining, having also acted for the Kazakh mining conglomerate, ENRC, in a dispute concerning a major iron ore project in Brazil. Richard is known for being hard-working, determined, tenacious



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### Practices

Commercial Litigation

Investigations, White Collar Crime,  
and Fraud

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### Education and admissions

#### Education

University of Leeds

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### Court admissions

Senior Courts of England and Wales

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and highly commercial and comes recommended by the *Legal500* for CIS-related disputes in particular.

## Representative experience

Acting for prominent Ukrainian businessman against two other Ukrainian businessmen in US\$2 billion dispute in English Commercial Court relating to iron ore mine in Ukraine.

Acting for Hong Kong commodities company in dispute regarding mining project in Jamaica; Glencore v Noble Resources involved proceedings in Jamaica and English Commercial Court.

Representing mining conglomerate in US\$335m claim regarding Brazilian iron ore mining project, including committal and breach of confidence proceedings, Brazilian civil/criminal law, and contractual interpretation.

JSC BTA Bank v Mukhtar Ablyazov: acting for a Kazakh bank in multi-jurisdictional fraud claims against its former Chairman and other former officers.

The Bank's claims ran to over US\$6 billion and involved proceedings in England, the BVI, Cyprus, Seychelles, Russia, Ukraine and many others.

The proceedings are thought to be the largest fraud proceedings ever to come before the English Commercial Court

The proceedings made new law in England in numerous fields, including the freezing orders, orders for the appointment of receivers, searches, non-parties proceedings and committal proceedings.

## Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells Secures Major High Court Victory for BTA Bank in US \$6bn Fraud Case

## Accolades

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