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Profile

Gita specialises in the fields of commercial and chancery law, in particular contractual disputes and insolvency issues, and has been a member of Five Paper since October 2012.

In 2016, Gita was seconded in-house at the specialist commercial and insolvency firm Francis Wilks and Jones.

Description of Practice

Contractual disputes

Gita is frequently instructed to act in breach of contract claims and the interpretation of written and oral agreements. Examples include the successful conclusion of a high value High Court claim focusing on the interpretation of a compromise agreement.

Gita has particular experience of agency agreements and is regularly instructed on behalf of large estate agents and business selling agents both at first instance and on appeals.

Company law

Gita is instructed on partnership disputes, defending and bringing applications to recover assets from directors, and shareholder disputes.

Insolvency and asset recovery

Gita regularly appears in contested insolvency applications and advises trustees, liquidators, debtors, companies and third parties affected by insolvency. Examples include applications to annul bankruptcy orders, directors' misfeasance claims and applications relating to voidable transactions.

Gita specialises in the fields of both corporate and personal insolvency.

Gita accepts instructions to appear on applications for freezing injunctions and has experience both of making without notice applications and applications to discharge freezing injunctions on return dates.

Property

Gita has significant experience of working with lenders, from banks to individual lenders, on diverse issues including high-value mortgage possession claims, land registration and priorities. She is also well placed to advise on issues that cross between insolvency and property disputes.

Banking

Gita has knowledge and experience of all stages of bringing and defending guarantees claims. She has in-depth knowledge of various commercial claims arising out of factoring and invoice discounting agreements.

Consumer credit

Gita has experience of advising on and drafting pleadings in complex consumer credit matters for both creditors and debtors.

Professional negligence

Gita successfully defends and pursues claims of solicitors' negligence and also has experience of claims against valuers arising out of mortgage lending

Alternative dispute resolution

Gita advises on ADR whenever appropriate and has practical experience of settling both high and low value claims and attending mediations.

Public Access

Gita is qualified to conduct direct access work and has been instructed on direct access work at both High Court and county court level.

Other Experience

Prior to joining Chambers, Gita was a stagiaire at the European Commission in Brussels where she worked on legislative proposals for European Working Time law, investigated potential breaches of Community legislation and drafted speeches.

She also worked in the legal department of a leading multinational pharmaceutical company for several years throughout her legal studies where she drafted contracts and legal correspondence and assisted in updating company policy to comply with legislative changes.

Gita is committed to pro bono work and accepts cases on a pro bono basis for the Free Representation Unit and the Bar Pro Bono Unit.

Gita accepts instructions through the Treasury Solicitor's 'Baby Barrister' Scheme.

Qualifications

The College of Law – Bar Vocational Course. Very Competent
The College of Law – Graduate Diploma in Law. Commendation
The University of Warwick – BA (Hons) English and German. First Class with distinction
Universität Konstanz, Germany – German, history and literature

Scholarships and Prizes

Queen Mother Major Scholarship, Middle Temple
Blackstone Entrance Exhibition, Middle Temple
The Zoe Russell Award for German language, The University of Warwick
The Frankfurt Prize for Translation, The University of Warwick

Languages

Fluent German
Fluent Danish
Basic French

Professional Memberships

The Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
The Chancery Bar Association
The London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)
R3 Association of Business Recovery Professionals

Articles and Publications

No Guarantees, Solicitors Journal vol. 157 no. 21. A report on Bank of Scotland PLC v Cohen (2013) on personal guarantees and economic duress.

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