

Christopher Loxton

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Christopher Loxton's practice encompasses a broad range of civil work, namely:

- Aviation and Travel
- Commercial
- Civil Fraud
- Insolvency
- Insurance
- Banking and Financial Services
- Arbitration

He frequently appears in the High Court's Chancery and King's Bench Divisions, the Commercial Court, the TCC, the Business and Property Courts, and a multitude of county courts in and out of London.

Christopher is currently ranked as a band 3 counsel in Aviation in [Chambers & Partners](#).

Legal Services

Aviation Law

Christopher is currently ranked as a band 3 counsel in Aviation in [Chambers & Partners](#).

Christopher undertakes court, drafting and advisory work in a wide variety of matters relating to aviation and travel law, including:

- Hull damage claims.
- General aviation claims.
- Leasing and acquisition disputes.
- Insurance disputes.
- Airport disputes.
- Manufacturing and outfitting disputes.
- Carriage by air disputes involving EU regulations, Warsaw and Montreal Conventions and associated passenger, cargo, baggage, delay and denied boarding claims.
- Regulatory and compliance issues (including threatened CAA enforcement action).
- International carriage by road and sea claims, including under the Athens Convention and the

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Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR).

- Travel claims, including under the Package Travel Regulations, particularly representing airlines in “mixed liability scheme” claims.

Author of chapters on Articles 20 and 21 in *The Montreal Convention: A Commentary* (Elgar Commentaries in Commercial Law series), 2023.

Notable Aviation Law cases

[Lunn v Antarctic Logistics Centre International \(Pty\) Ltd \[2024\] EWHC 1662 \(KB\)](#)

Currently acting for a British national in High Court proceedings against a South African airport operator and Russian carrier in respect of severe injuries he sustained on an airbase in Antarctica.

Currently acting for a defendant and insurer in respect of a multi-million pound claim brought by an injured pilot.

Recently advised a well-known private jet operator in respect of the potential acquisition of two aircraft from a Russian air cargo operator.

[Zephyrus Capital Aviation Partners 1D Ltd & Ors v Fidelis Underwriting Ltd & Ors \(Re Russian Aircraft Operator Policy Claims \(Jurisdiction Applications\)\) \[2024\] EWHC 734 \(Comm\)](#)

Currently acting for several lessors in proceedings against reinsurers concerning the loss of aircraft and engines detained in Russia.

Currently acting for a HNWI’s company against an well-known aircraft outfitter.

Recently advised a major aircraft manufacturer in relation to test flights for a new aircraft.

[Lunn v Antarctic Logistics Centre International \(Pty\) Ltd \[2023\] EWHC 2856 \(KB\)](#)

Currently acting for a British national in High Court proceedings against a South African airport operator and Russian carrier in respect of severe injuries he sustained on an airbase in Antarctica.

[Lunn v Antarctic Logistics Centre International \(Pty\) Ltd \(No. 2\) \[2024\] EWHC 169 \(KB\)](#)

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Recently advised a well-known private jet operator in respect of the potential acquisition of two aircraft from a Russian air cargo operator.

Recently advised an aircraft charter and consultancy firm in respect of lease and supply agreements with Bournemouth Airport.

Assisted a major components manufacturer in arbitration proceedings brought by a large aviation manufacturer concerning a damaged aircraft.

Advised a Nigerian airline in relation to potential claims for fraud, misrepresentation, and unjust enrichment over several investments.

Defended an air balloon operator in respect of personal injury and property damage claims.

Successfully acted for the British Microlight Aircraft Association in a claims brought in negligence and misrepresentation.

Represented several group companies, forming part of a multinational corporation specialising in mining and chemical production, in an action against multiples defendants for compensation under the CMR for loss of a large consignment of chemical emulsion.

Has regularly provided regulatory advice to two UK low-budget airlines, including in relation to threatened enforcement action by CAA, thus avoiding action being taken in respect of one of the airlines.

Commercial

Christopher is regularly instructed in a wide variety of business, finance, company property related disputes and has represented clients in a number of claims involving alleged fraud. Christopher's drafting and advisory

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work includes contracts, indemnities, guarantees, investment vehicles, and commercial leases.

Notable Commercial cases

Currently instructed on a fraud claim against a factoring company

Currently instructed by a company in a multi-million pound share purchase dispute.

Currently acting for a honey producer against an engineering firm for breach of contract.

Currently instructed in a claim for +£9 million brought by beneficiaries against a former trustee and defending a case of conspiracy and malicious prosecution involving allegations of forgery.

[Patel v Minerva Services Delaware, Inc & Ors \[2023\] EWCA Civ 118 \(10 February 2023\)](#)

[Patel v Minerva Services Delaware, Inc & Ors \[2023\] EWHC 856 \(Ch\) \(10 March 2023\)](#)

Instructed as a junior representing several businesses against a well-known law firm in a multi-million pound, professional negligence claim relating to a bank's mis-selling of an interest rate hedging product.

Recently acted as a junior in a prospective, multi-jurisdictional claim brought by a US PE firm against a major reinsurance company for breach of contract and unjust enrichment.

Acted for an insurance intermediary in a multitude of claims brought by contractors in relation to latent defects insurance policies following the collapse of the Danish insurer, Alpha Insurance A/S.

Acted for a client in relation to an overage dispute concerning one of the largest onshore wind farms in the UK.

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MD v SW, JW and ST FC Ltd

Advised on potential, high-value claims for restitution, breach of contract, the existence of business partnerships and constructive trusts.

JG v HC and Pioneer Point Ltd, Queen's Bench Division

Acted as a junior in a high-value claim brought by a creditor against co-investors and a joint enterprise company, involved allegations of fraud and equitable tracing.

Civil Fraud

Christopher has a burgeoning civil fraud practice. Recent cases have included claim for +£9 million brought beneficiaries against a former trustee and defending a case of conspiracy and malicious prosecution involving allegations of forgery.

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Insolvency

Christopher regularly represents individuals and companies in the Insolvency and Companies Lists of the High Court and in various county courts. Recent advisory work has included advising on a bond claim brought by a liquidator against the insurer and surety of a former liquidator; directors' personal liability in respect of unpaid national insurance contributions; and the impact of retention of title to goods on the liquidation of a company's assets.

Notable Insolvency cases

Re Total Insulation Limited

Defending former directors in applications for repayment in respect of unlawful dividends and cross-applications for s.1157, CA relief and removal of the liquidators (s.108, IA).

LM v AM

Acted in a s.423, Insolvency Act application (transaction at an undervalue) for a claimant acting as a trustee of an estate against a family member for misuse of estate assets.

Zorro Law v Transview & Eyecare

Injunction to restrain presentation of winding up petition.

Insurance

Christopher is instructed in a wide variety of insurance cases, including employers', public, product, D&O and professional indemnity disputes; property damage claims; regulatory compliance; contractors all risks and defects insurance; and fundamental dishonesty applications. He has acted in professional negligence cases, including those against solicitors and breach of fiduciary duties.

Notable Insurance cases

Acting as a junior (led by Guy Blackwood KC and then David Scorey KC) representing claimants in parallel ICC arbitration proceedings in respect of multimillion pound insurance claims. Included acting as sole counsel in anti-suit injunction proceedings before the Commercial Court in London.

Currently instructed as a junior representing several businesses against a well-known law firm in a multi-million pound, professional negligence claim relating to a bank's mis-selling of an interest rate hedging product.

Acting as a junior in a prospective, multi-jurisdictional claim brought by a US PE firm against a major reinsurance company for breach of contract and unjust enrichment.

Acting for an insurance intermediary in a multitude of claims brought by contractors in relation to latent defects insurance policies following the collapse of the Danish insurer, Alpha Insurance A/S.

Banking & Financial Services

Christopher has a growing banking and finance practice. Recent cases have included a multi-million pound claim brought by property owners involving the mis-selling of interest rate hedge products.

Arbitration

Christopher has acted in a number of high-value arbitrations in the fields of commercial, insurance, and aviation.

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Assisting US attorneys representing a major components manufacturer in CiArb arbitration proceedings brought by a large aviation manufacturer concerning a damaged aircraft.

Cyber & Crypto

Christopher has a developing practice in cyber (including data protection), technology, and digital assets disputes.

Notable Cyber & Crypto cases

Recently acted for a claimant in respect of a data breach of records held by a police constabulary.

Representing a well-known political party in injunction proceedings concerning an alleged data breach of its computer systems.

Successfully defended an NHS Trust in proceedings alleging breaches of the DPA 1998 and misuse of private information concerning the sharing of patient medical records between authorities.

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Successfully defended a mental health trust in proceedings concerning the transfer of patient health records in hard copy into digital form.

[ZC v Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust \[2019\] EWHC 2040 \(QB\)](#)

Successfully defending an NHS Trust in [ZC v Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust \[2019\] EWHC 2040 \(QB\)](#); a case concerning libel, misuse of private information and Article 8 right to privacy in relation to medical records.

Direct Access

Christopher is able to accept instructions directly from members of the public, companies and other entities through the public access scheme (also known as direct access). He has acted, advised and drafted pleadings and documents for a number of individuals and small and medium sized businesses on a direct access basis. He is happy to accept instructions on a direct basis in appropriate cases. If you wish to instruct Christopher on a direct basis, please speak to the practice managers.

For more information on public access, please see the Bar Council [website](#).

Accreditations





Publications

Author of chapters on Articles 20 and 21 in [The Montreal Convention: A Commentary](#) (Elgar Commentaries in Commercial Law series), 2023.

Memberships

- Royal Aeronautical Society
- COMBAR (Commercial Bar Association)
- LCLCBA (London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association)
- ALBA (Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association)
- BILA (British Insurance Law Association)
- Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)
- R3
- Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA)

Qualifications

- BSc. Joint Honours in Politics and Philosophy (Bristol University)
- GDL (College of Law)
- BVC (College of Law)

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