

Robert Strang

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Robert is an experienced and effective advocate with an international practice, specialising in commercial and public law. He has appeared as an advocate many times at the highest level, having acted in several appeals to the Privy Council.

His domestic practice covers a broad range of commercial and business disputes. He is experienced in substantial and fact-heavy disputes involving civil fraud. He has a special interest in financial services, having worked in the City for many years before he came to the Bar, and has represented clients in many claims against financial service providers and advisors.

Robert has acted in both litigation and advisory work in many Caribbean jurisdictions, in public law and regulatory matters and in private, commercial disputes and arbitrations.

Legal Services

Administrative, Public and Constitutional law

Robert has appeared in many landmark constitutional and public law cases in the Privy Council on appeal from Caribbean and other jurisdictions. He is acting in a number of outstanding administrative law appeals in the Privy Council. And he is presently advising the Insurance Commission of the Bahamas in relation to litigation arising from recent regulatory action.

Notable Administrative, Public and Constitutional law cases

[Maharaj v Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs \[2020\] UKPC 13](#)

a successful appeal establishing that the Minister had no power to eject the appellants from their petrol stations and suspend their licences to sell petroleum, resulting in an award of damages.

[Attorney General v Ayers-Caesar \[2019\] UKPC 44](#)

resisting procedural appeals by the Attorney General and Judicial and Legal Services Commission in this ongoing judicial review brought by a former High Court judge who claims she was unlawfully forced to resign.

[Attorney General v Dumas \[2017\] UKPC 12](#)

confirming that a citizen had the right in the public interest to bring a claim for interpretation of the constitution alleging failure by a public body to observe the constitutional limits on its powers

[Sam Maharaj v Prime Minister \[2016\] UKPC 37](#)

Robert appeared as sole counsel in this successful appeal in which the Privy Council confirmed that failure by a public body to observe the rules of natural justice entailed a breach of the appellant's constitutional right to the protection of the law and led to a claim in damages in judicial review.

Civil Fraud

Robert has long experience of acting in substantial and difficult cases of civil fraud, in all areas of commercial activity. He has acted for businesses and individuals in disputes over investment scams, fraudulent misrepresentations in sales of businesses and shares, and complex conspiracy claims.

Notable Civil Fraud cases

[A&V Oil v Petrotrin](#)

In [A&V Oil v Petrotrin](#) he is presently acting for an oil exploration company in Trinidad in a dispute with the state-owned oil company, in an arbitration over a disputed claim of fraudulent overstatement of oil production.

International

Robert is presently involved in litigation in a number of Caribbean jurisdictions, in both public and private law. With [Simon Davenport QC](#) and [Matthew Happold](#) he is representing a large group of investors from countries in the Eastern Caribbean in a claim in the Caribbean Court of Justice against the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

He is acting with [Peter Knox QC](#) in a high-value arbitration in Trinidad, concerning allegations of fraud against an oil exploration company.

He is acting in a large number of appeals outstanding in the Privy Council, including an appeal from the

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Bahamas brought by an investment fund against the regulator; a high-profile contractual dispute from Trinidad and Tobago; and a land law appeal from St Vincent and the Grenadines.

In the English High Court, he is instructed in a cross-border dispute between French, Italian and English businesses over a share sale and joint venture gone sour, involving the determination of questions of French law.

Notable International cases

[Super Industrial Services v National Gas Company \[2018\] UKPC 17](#)

a case in which Robert and Peter Knox QC advised and represented a large contractor in a dispute with a state-owned gas company, including a procedural appeal to the Privy Council.

Professional Negligence

Robert has acted in many claims against financial advisors and financial services providers. With [Aidan Casey QC](#), he represented a large number of investors bringing claims against their SIPP providers for losses incurred in the Harlequin investment fiasco. He had previously acted in a successful claim brought against the promoters of the Harlequin investments. He is presently advising investors on claims arising from the collapse of the Woodford funds.

He is instructed in an ongoing appeal to the Privy Council concerning the SAAMCO principle.

Public Access

Robert 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 Robert on a direct basis, please speak to the clerks.

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

Publications

- JIBFL – [The scope of English law claims against primary dealers](#)

Memberships

- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)
- ALBA
- Commonwealth Lawyers Association

Languages

- Greek, Spanish