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Languages: French (fluent), Polish (fluent)



Overview

Lukas is building a commercial and public law practice. His recent instructions include acting in a multibillion-dollar offshore investment fund dispute, as well as led and sole counsel shipping work, which saw Lukas make oral submissions in the Commercial Court.

Before joining Chambers, Lukas gained hands-on experience in commercial law at the CJEU in Luxembourg, where he worked in a judicial assistant role on complex matters, including the *London Steam-Ship Owners' Mutual Insurance Association Limited v Kingdom of Spain* case. In pupillage, Lukas experienced the full breadth of Chambers' commercial expertise, producing written work for members and assisting in court and arbitration hearings.

Lukas enjoys elements of EU law in his work. As a pupil, he assisted a senior member of Chambers instructed by a department of HM Government to advise on a complex policy question in a field governed by onshored EU regulations.

Lukas teaches undergraduate seminars in EU law at Magdalen College, Oxford. He has previously also taught constitutional law at Magdalen College, as well as public and EU law at King's College London, including at postgraduate level.

Education

University of Oxford, Magdalen College, BCL, Distinction

University of Oxford, Magdalen College, BA in Jurisprudence (Law with Law Studies in Europe), First Class

Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas, licence en droit [French undergraduate degree in law]

Awards:

- Gray's Inn scholarship for the bar course
- Oxford Law Faculty prize for coming first in year in a legal history module on the BCL
- Magdalen College: Senior Tutor's award for excellent achievement on the BCL; Senior Mackinnon Scholarship for the BCL; Demyship [academic scholarship]; Tutorial Prize in the Law

General commercial

- Acted for the general partner in a multibillion-dollar investment fund dispute. Advised on procedural and substantive questions of English and offshore law and assisted with litigation before offshore courts (led by Andrew Ayres KC).

Commodities

- Acting for the claimant in a sale of oil dispute in the Commercial Court (led by Oliver Caplin KC).
- Drafted (as pupil) advice on the measure of loss and availability of restitutionary remedies in the context of a complex chain of cargo trades.
- Drafted (as pupil) a defence to a claim brought against the seller of a cargo of fuel rejected by the ultimate buyer.

Shipping

- Acting (as sole counsel) in an LMAA arbitration concerning damage to the charterers' cargo.
- Acting in an arbitration of a dispute following the sale of a vessel, including in related court proceedings to obtain interim remedies (led by Alex Yean).
- Assisted (as pupil) in the drafting of pleadings passing claims up and down in a partly not-back-to-back charterparty chain.
- Drafted (as pupil) a skeleton argument for the hearing of a preliminary issue of construction of a letter of indemnity following detention of the vessel at the loadport.
- Drafted (as pupil) advice on the validity of the charterers' termination of a charterparty following a delay at the loadport, including the effect of an exclusion clause on their recoverable compensation.
- Drafted (as pupil) advice on the effect of the BIMCO Sanctions Clause for Time Charter Parties 2020, including the approach that a London arbitrator would take to the EU sanctions regime.
- Assisted (as pupil) in the drafting of pleadings claiming a general average contribution.
- Drafted (as pupil) advice on the merits of a claim by the manager of a shipping pool against participating vessels, including the construction of the pool agreement and the availability of alternative remedies.
- Drafted (as pupil) advice and pleadings in a claim concerning deterioration of transhipped cargo.

(Re)insurance

- Assisted (as pupil) with headline advice on the construction of a business interruption clause in a property insurance policy.