

Aarushi Sahore

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Practice Overview

Aarushi practises across all areas of commercial and public law, including general commercial litigation, civil fraud, financial regulation, privacy and data protection, EU relations law, judicial review and human rights. Current and recent instructions include:

- *GE Austria v Arabian Bemco* – acting successfully for GE Austria (a subsidiary of General Electric) in a claim for specific performance in respect of £2.7m held in an escrow account (unled; Commercial Court)
- *AT v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions* [2022] UKUT 330 (AAC); [2023] EWCA Civ 1307 – acting for the Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements in a claim concerning the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement (with Marie Demetriou KC and Emma Mockford, appearing unled at first instance)
- *Uzbekov v Revolut* [2024] EWHC 98 (KB) – acting for Revolut in a successful strike out of a breach of contract claim alleging "debanking" for closure of a retail bank account (with Tony Singla KC)
- *Azima v RAKIA* [2023] EWCA Civ 507 – acting for a former Dechert partner in a claim alleging hacking under US law and the procurement of a judgment by fraud (with Fionn Pilbrow KC)
- *R (Campaign Against Arms Trade) v Secretary of State for International Trade* [2023] EWHC 1343 (Admin) – acting for Mwatana, a human rights organisation based in Yemen, in a challenge to the UK Government's decision to sell weapons to Saudi Arabia (with James McClelland KC)

Before coming to the Bar, Aarushi was a dual-qualified solicitor in Australia and England & Wales.

Aarushi graduated with an LLB (First Class) from the University of Sydney and an LLM (First Class) from the University of Cambridge. At Cambridge she ranked first in two subjects (Legal History and the Economics of Law and Regulation), and was awarded the President's Prize for significant distinction in law at Queens' College.

Commercial

Aarushi accepts instructions across all areas of commercial law, in particular banking and finance disputes, civil fraud and conflicts of laws. Her recent experience includes:

- *Hicks v Guinness World Records* – acting for Guinness World Records in successfully striking out a ~£1m fraudulent misrepresentation claim claiming “loss of chance” damages against Guinness World Records (unled; County Court and High Court)
- *GE Austria v Arabian Bemco* – acting for a subsidiary of General Electric and successfully obtaining an order for specific performance in respect of £2.7m held in an escrow account and indemnity costs (unled; Commercial Court)
- *Phones 4U v Telefonica* [2023] EWHC 2826 (Ch) – acting for O2/Telefonica in their successful defence of alleged collusive boycott leading to the collapse of Phones4U (with Mark Hoskins KC, Sarah Abram KC and Matthew Kennedy)
- *Bank of St Petersburg v Arkhangelsky* [2022] EWHC 2499 (Ch); [2022] EWHC 2756 (Ch) – acting for Bank of St Petersburg in its successful defence of a \$US400m fraud and conspiracy claim (with Tim Lord KC and Richard Eschwege KC)
- *Al Sadeq v Dechert LLP* [2023] EWHC 184 (KB) – acting for a former Dechert partner in three combined proceedings alleging tortious wrongdoing under UAE law against numerous parties (with Fionn Pilbrow KC)
- *Azima v RAKIA* [2022] EWHC 2980 (Ch); [2023] EWHC 693 (Ch); [2023] EWCA Civ 507 – acting for a former Dechert partner in a hacking claim under US law and a claim to set aside a judgment allegedly procured by fraud (with Fionn Pilbrow KC)
- *Uzbekov v Revolut* [2024] EWHC 98 (KB) – acting for Revolut in a successful strike out of a breach of contract claim alleging “debanking” for closure of a retail bank account (with Tony Singla KC)
- *RTM v Skybet* – acting for an anonymous claimant in a novel claim for breach of privacy and data protection laws against online gambling platforms (with Christopher Knight)

Public Law

Aarushi accepts instructions across all areas of public law, equality law, civil liberties and human rights. She is especially interested in any novel "EU relations law" issues. Her recent experience includes:

- *R (Detention Action) v Lord Chancellor* [2022] EWHC 18 (Admin) – acting successfully for the Lord Chancellor defending a challenge to the lawfulness of a legal aid scheme in immigration detention (with Malcolm Birdling)
- *AT v SSWP* [2022] UKUT 330 (AAC); [2023] EWCA Civ 1307 – acting for the Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements in a claim concerning the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement (with Marie Demetriou KC and Emma Mockford, appearing unled at first instance)
- *Fridman v His Majesty's Treasury* [2023] EWHC 2657 (Admin) – acting successfully for HMT in defending a challenge to licensing decisions under sanctions rules (with Malcolm Birdling)
- *R (Campaign Against Arms Trade) v SSIT* [2023] EWHC 1343 (Admin) – acting for Mwatana, a human rights organisation based in Yemen, in the challenge to the UK Government's decision to sell weapons to Saudi Arabia (with James McClelland KC and Admas Habteslasie)
- *R (AAA) v SSHD, UNHCR intervening* [2023] EWCA Civ 745 – acting for UNHCR intervening in the challenge to the removal of asylum seekers to Rwanda (with Angus McCollough KC, Laura Dubinsky KC, Jennifer MacLeod and others)
- *Frostick v FCA* – acting for the Financial Conduct Authority in the successful strike out of several claims in respect of travel insurance companies (unled)
- Advising a privacy NGO in respect of data protection reforms (with Lord Anderson of Ipswich KBE KC; see Opinion published online)

Aarushi has also volunteered at Liberty and as a representative with the Free Representation Unit. At the University of Cambridge, she worked on a Pro Bono Project for Redress, addressing the tracing of assets for the benefit of victims of human rights violations.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Education

2018-19: Master of Law (First Class) at the University of Cambridge

2010-14: Bachelor of Law (First Class) and Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) at the University of

Sydney

Professional Experience

2020: Judicial Assistant, High Court of England & Wales (in the Queens' Bench Division for Mr Justice Chamberlain and in the Commercial Court for Mr Justice Butcher)

2016-18: Trainee Solicitor (Australian-qualified), Linklaters LLP

2015: Judicial Assistant to the Chief Judge in Equity, Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia

Professional Qualifications

2020: Called to the Bar of England & Wales

2018: Qualified as a solicitor in England & Wales

2015: Qualified as a solicitor in New South Wales, Australia

Scholarships and Prizes

John and Sophie Laws Scholarship (Bar European Group)

President's Prize for significant distinction in Law (Queens' College, Cambridge)

Foundation Scholarship (Queens' College, Cambridge)

Sir Sigmund Sternberg LLM Studentship (Queens' College, Cambridge)

Australia & New Zealand Banking and Financial Services Law Association Scholarship (BFSLA)

Justice Peter Hely Scholarship for further studies in commercial law and equity (University of Sydney)

Boulton Groom Postgraduate Scholarship (University of Sydney)

PUBLICATIONS

'Lights, Camera, No Action: The Interface Between Contract Law and Unjust Enrichment' (2022) 81(3) *Cambridge Law Journal* 487

'ABN Amro Bank NV v Bathurst Regional Council: Credit Rating Agencies and Liability to Investors' (2015) 37(3) *Sydney Law Review* 437

'An Awkward Situation: The Courts' Approach to a Judicial Officer Suing for Defamation' (2015) 20 *Media and Arts Law Review* 380