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Stuart joined Littleton in April 2019 upon completion of a Third Six Pupillage, having previously undertaken 12-month pupillage at a leading commercial set. Stuart accepts instructions across all Chambers' core areas of work, and has a particular interest in commercial work.

Stuart has started to build a practice across these areas, with recent work including:

- **Bestolov v Povarenkin** [2019] EWHC 1992 (Comm) - Represented the successful Claimant (led by Rupert D'Cruz) in a three-week Commercial Court trial between two Russian business, with judgment of over \$7.5m;
- **Domestic & General Group Ltd et al. v Bank of Scotland plc** [2018] 12 WLUK 68 - acted as sole counsel in a successful High Court application for a Norwich Pharmacal order against a bank relating to the identification of a suspected rogue trader (part of a series of actions reported on in the Evening Standard - [link](#));
- **Kelly v Musicians' Union** - Assisted David Reade QC in a case before the Certification Officer concerning the correct construction of a Trade Union's rules in relation to its disciplinary processes (case later proceeded to EAT);
- Drafting pleadings, including an Amended Defence (led by Sam Neaman) in relation to a claim under the Commercial Agents (Council Directive) Regulations 1993, an Unfair Prejudice Petition (led by Dale Martin QC) in relation to a full-service digital services consultancy, and a high-value Employment Tribunal discrimination claim (led by David Reade QC) in a hedge fund context;
- Drafting witness statements in various commercial and employment cases;
- Often appearing in the ET on a variety of matters, including, unfair dismissal, discrimination and unpaid wages claims.

Before coming to the Bar, Stuart achieved a First Class degree in Law from the University of Oxford and a Distinction in the BCL. He also worked as a Part-Time Fellow in Contract Law at UCL alongside his BPTC.

Outside of work, Stuart is a keen sportsman, travelling around the UK and Europe to play Flag American Football.

RECOMMENDATIONS

AREAS OF LAW

Commercial

Stuart has a particular interest in commercial law, having undertaken and worked on many commercial matters, including:

- **Bestolov v Povarenkin** [2019] EWHC 1992 (Comm) – Represented the successful Claimant (led by Rupert D’Cruz) in a three-week Commercial Court trial between two Russian business, with judgment of over \$7.5m.
- **Domestic & General Group Ltd et al. v Bank of Scotland plc** [2018] 12 WLUK 68 – acting as sole counsel in a successful application for a Norwich Pharmacal order against a bank relating to the identification of a suspected rogue trader.
- Drafting an Amended Defence (led by Sam Neaman) in relation to a claim under the Commercial Agents (Council Directive) Regulations 1993.
- Drafting an Unfair Prejudice Petition (led by Dale Martin QC) in relation to a full-service digital services consultancy
- Advising on a potential multi-million dollar claim between two Russian businessmen (assisting Charles Samek QC).
- Assisting Jonathan Cohen QC in relation to a variety of cases, including:
 1. A potential fraudulent misrepresentation claim in the art sector;
 2. Advising on the applicability and effect of the Commercial Agents (Council Directive) Regulations 1993 on a claim in the art sector;
 3. A matter concerning a Seller’s entitlement to deferred consideration under an SPA in the medical research sector.

Employment

Stuart has been involved in a variety of employment law matters, including:

- **Kelly v Musicians Union** – Assisted David Reade QC in a case before the Certification Officer concerning the correct construction of a Trade Union’s rules in relation to its disciplinary processes (case later proceeded to EAT);
- Regularly appearing in the ET on a variety of matters, including, unfair dismissal, discrimination and unpaid wages claims;
- Drafting a high-value Employment Tribunal discrimination claim (led by David Reade QC) in a hedge fund context
- Assisting Jonathan Cohen QC in relation to multiple High Court restrictive covenant claims, acting for both employer and employee in relation to senior employees and directors, including a CFO, across a variety of sectors.
- Assisting Alex Robson in relation to a challenge to the territorial jurisdiction of the ET.
- Drafting witness statements in cases including an ET breach of contract claim and an ET claim relating to the Fixed Term Contracts Regulations 2002.

Sport

Stuart is a member of Littleton’s [Sports Law Group](#) and welcomes instructions in sports law. During pupillage, he worked on **QPR v The EFL** (assisting Victoria Wakefield), working on aspects of QPR’s intended appeal against an arbitral award upholding a multi-million-pound fine against QPR for breach of the Financial Fair Play rules.

Education, Scholarships and Prizes

Stuart read Law at the University of Oxford, graduating in 2015 with a First Class Honours, and staying on to achieve a Distinction in the BCL. Following university, Stuart worked as a Part-Time Fellow in Contract Law at UCL alongside his BPTC.

While at university, Stuart also enjoyed mooting, including successfully mooting in front of two Supreme Court judges in competition finals.

Education

2016-2017 Bar Professional Training Course: Outstanding
2015-2016 BCL at Trinity College, University of Oxford: Distinction
2012-2015 BA (Hons) in Law at Trinity College, University of Oxford: First Class

Scholarships and Prizes

- Mould Scholar, Gray's Inn, 2018, one of four Senior Scholarships awarded to ***"students of exceptional merit."***
 - Prince of Wales Scholar, Gray's Inn, 2016.
 - Excellence Award, BPP, 2016.
 - Mitchell Scholar for BCL, Trinity College, Oxford, 2015.
 - Trinity College Scholar, Trinity College, Oxford, 2013-2016.
 - Bellot International Law Prize, Trinity College, Oxford, 2015.
 - Lady Astbury Memorial Prize, Trinity College, Oxford, 2013.
 - Colin Nicholls QC Prize, Trinity College, Oxford, 2013.
 - Won the Shearman & Stirling Oxford Mooting Competition 2014, mooting in front of Lord Wilson JSC
 - Won the HSF Oxford Disability Mooting Competition 2015, mooting in front of a panel led by Lord Phillips.
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