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## Niki is of counsel in our litigation and arbitration team.

He has over 30 years of legal experience. Niki advises on all aspects of BVI commercial litigation and dispute resolution, including:

- contract and shareholder disputes
- asset tracing and recovery
- freezing orders
- third party disclosure orders
- cross-border insolvency

## Track record

#### Russian industrialist

Acting for a Russian industrialist in defence of claim for enforcement of US\$30m Russian default judgment and successful appeal to ECSC Court of Appeal and in UK Privy Council.

## Liquidators of hedge funds

Acting for BVI court-appointed liquidators of multiple hedge funds, leading cross-border team, seeking recognition and recovery of assets in Hong Kong, Switzerland, Monaco, Channel Islands, Bahamas and US.

#### Ponzi scheme

Acting as Special Counsel to US Bankruptcy Court appointed trustee in claims for recovery of \$3bn proceeds from fraudulent Ponzi scheme.

## Beneficiary claims

Acting for a Cyprus-based trustee in defence of beneficiary claims of \$150m in the BVI Commercial Court.

#### Bernard Madoff's estate

Acting as Special Counsel to a SEC/US Bankruptcy Court appointed SIPA Trustee (Irving Picard) of Bernard Madoff's estate in cross-border insolvency, recognition and claims for recovery in excess of \$50bn.

### Freezing orders

Acting for a high-net-worth individual in enforcement of English Commercial Court and Jersey Royal Court freezing orders and judgment in excess of \$40m.

#### Guernsey trustees of discretionary trusts

Acting for Guernsey trustees of discretionary trusts in litigation arising from the Icelandic bank collapse and claims for recovery in excess of £640m.

### Ukrainian joint stock company

Acting for a Ukrainian joint stock company in Norwich Pharmacal application for disclosure against BVI registered agent, seeking recovery of \$4m.

### Ukrainian joint stock company

Acting for a Ukrainian joint stock company in enforcement of New York Convention arbitration award in excess of \$5m.

### Jersey and Bermuda trusts

Acting for directors of BVI trustees of Jersey and Bermuda trusts in tracing and recovery of \$5m misappropriated funds.

# Admissions

England and Wales, 1980 (currently non-practising)

British Virgin Islands, 2008

## Education

Kings School Canterbury

University College London, LLB (Hons)

# Languages

English

# Memberships

**BVI Bar Association** 

Recovery & Insolvency Specialists Association (BVI)

# Key dates

Year joined: 2012

Year became partner: 2014

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