



RAJ PARKER

MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Commercial Law
Corporate Social Responsibility,
Investigations and Audits
Crime and Regulatory Law
Fraud, Financial and Business
Crime
Mediation
Sports Law

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Raj Parker is an associate member of Matrix and prior to joining was a solicitor at Freshfields for over 30 years, 23 as a Partner. He specialises in general commercial and financial services dispute resolution, international regulatory investigations, public and administrative, and sports law. He has handled contentious and regulatory issues in the insurance, banking, pharmaceuticals, air traffic, leisure, diamond, energy, transport, reconstruction and insolvency, sport and media sectors. He also specialises in corporate criminal investigations and white collar crime issues.

COMMERCIAL LAW

Raj has handled many contentious issues arising out of the Air Traffic, Banking and Insurance, Private Equity, Leisure, Diamond, Oil and Gas, Transport, Sport and Media Sectors.

SPORTS LAW

Raj's work in the Sports sector has included:

- for IAAF concerning governance review commissioned by Lord Coe 2015;
- for BAT since 2006, has conducted over 100 arbitrations covering disputes between players, agents and clubs;
- for UCI (Union Cycliste International) in connection with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission into doping in professional cycling, arising out of the USADA 2012 proceedings against Lance Armstrong;
- extensive involvement for LOCOG 2012 concerning anti-doping, gambling and dispute related matters;
- extensive involvement in sports disputes in particular in arbitration before CAS including primarily Association Football but also Show Jumping, Cycling, Gymnastics, Water Polo, Formula 1, Ten Pin Bowling, Ice Hockey and Rugby;
- for Qatar 2022 Bid Committee concerning the FIFA World Cup and corruption allegations;

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DIRECTORIES' RECOMMENDATIONS

HERE'S WHAT THEY SAY:

Recommended in Corporate Crime (including fraud, bribery and corruption) and Insurance and Reinsurance Litigation, 'Raj Parker handles a broad range of insurance and reinsurance claims, and has also handled a significant amount of contentious regulatory work.' (Legal 500 2016)

Raj Parker is an experienced corporate crime practitioner with a comprehensive knowledge of ABC work, money laundering and suspicious activity reporting. According to commentators, he is "active for some fantastic clients, has a huge profile and is very commercial." (Chambers UK 2016)

'The "excellent" Raj Parker is head of the insurance and reinsurance team. His practice takes in the full spectrum of contentious and regulatory matters in the area.' (Chambers UK 2016)

'Raj Parker offers corporate clients expertise in bribery, corruption and international regulatory matters. He is noted for his long-standing experience in the area and the high-quality instructions he receives.' (Chambers UK 2015)

- for the Football Association in advisory and contentious work, including the Hillsborough proceedings (1989-1995), establishing FA Premier League (1991/2) and various disciplinary and other matters, including Grobbelaar, Graham, Notts Forest FC, Chesterfield FC, Tottenham FC, and participating in working parties which reported on financial irregularities, betting and compliance issues;
- chaired the FA panel on Wimbledon FC's move to Milton Keynes May 2002;
- appointed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India and the ICC as sole arbitrator in relation to sponsorship issues concerning the 2003 Cricket World Cup arbitrator and in relation to ICC decision not to hold cricket world cup in Pakistan (2009);
- for Kuwait Sporting Club involving many football related issues;
- appointed by RFU in relation to the future structure of Rugby Union; and
- for LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) relating to the sale of Queens Club.

FRAUD, FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CRIME

He has experience of fraud, bribery, corruption, money laundering and related issues arising in many sectors including:

- Financial Institutions;
- Pharmaceuticals;
- Energy;
- Construction;
- Sport;
- Reconstruction and insolvency; and
- Media/telecoms.

He specialises in particular in global investigations with a white collar crime element and the coordination of regulatory proceedings arising in multiple jurisdictions.

He has particular experience of US, European, and Asian criminal enforcements regulators and applicable laws.

INSURANCE

He specialises in general commercial dispute resolution, with particular experience in insurance and reinsurance, international regulatory investigations, public and administrative, and sports areas. He is also experienced in white collar crime matters.

His insurance sector work which is mainly international in nature, has included:

- for Lloyd's on its Reconstruction and Renewal programme, in disciplinary and other inquiries and on extensive litigation in the UK and the US including the Jaffray fraud litigation;
- for Zurich in its data loss issues and investigation;

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- for AIG concerning issues relating to data and solvency II required by the PRA;
- for XL and Ironshore in various Bermuda Form arbitrations;
- for Marsh in investigating the placing of insurance business in the UK in the light of the Spitzer civil complaint in the US;
- for Aon in relation to FSA, DoJ and SEC issues concerning potentially corrupt payments made to third parties;
- for AIG Life in relation to its Premier Bonds clients as a result of liquidity issues at AIG;
- for AIG in relation to film finance and litigation concerning its former chairman and related companies;
- for Lloyd's in the Equitas Berkshire Hathaway transaction to provide US\$7 billion of reinsurance cover;
- for Equitas, Zurich, Swiss Re, Travelers and AIG in complex insurance sector issues and regulatory investigations;
- also acts for insureds and reinsureds such as Anglo American, Reuters, MFI, ConocoPhillips, Deutsche Bank and Caledonian Bank in complex disputes;
- advising on international insurance industry collapses, such as the HIH Group and the Independent Group; and
- extensive D&O and Professional Indemnity experience for international companies, both advisory and contentious.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Recorder of the Crown Court
Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Lausanne, London
Solicitor Advocate
Accredited CEDR (Centre for Dispute Resolution) Mediator
Arbitrator at The London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
Arbitrator at the Basketball Arbitration Tribunal (BAT), an independent tribunal recognised by FIBA
Arbitrator at the Court of Innovative Arbitration
Member of Sport Resolutions' panel of arbitrators and mediators

LANGUAGES

English
French

Raj accepts instructions under Standard Contractual Terms, details of which can be found on our website under Our Service.