

Laurence Rabinowitz QC

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Generally recognised as one of the leading silks at the Commercial Bar, Laurence Rabinowitz QC has a wide ranging commercial litigation and arbitration practice, which includes expertise in banking and finance, company law, energy, civil fraud, competition and professional liability cases. He is recommended in both Chambers UK 2018 and The Legal 500 2017 as a leading silk in Banking & Finance, Commercial Dispute Resolution, Energy and Natural Resources, Civil Fraud, and International Arbitration (General Commercial &

Insurance). He was awarded International Arbitration Silk of the Year at the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2018 and Commercial Litigation Silk of the Year at the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2019.

He is presently acting for Hewlett Packard in their £3.4 billion damages claim in relation to the acquisition of Autonomy, and he is also acting for a major international petroleum group in an arbitration claim for c. US\$5.5 billion.

Recent high-profile cases include Banco Santander Totta v Carris, the first Financial List trial, in which he acted for the successful claimant in both the Commercial Court and the Court of Appeal; The RBS Rights Issue litigation in which he acted for the institutional investors claiming over £1 billion in relation to the bank's emergency rights issue in 2008; in Sabbagh v. Khoury in the Court of Appeal where he successfully overturned the decision of Mrs Justice Carr to strike out substantial aspects of a major claim; and in Berezovsky v Abramovich, in which Laurence acted for Boris Berezovsky.