

## Niki Olympitis

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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

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### TRACK RECORD

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- BVI Bar Association
- Recovery & Insolvency Specialists Association (BVI)

## **EDUCATION**

Kings School Canterbury  
University College London, LLB (Hons)

## **LANGUAGES**

ENGLISH

## **DATES**

JOINED: 2012  
PARTNER: 2014

## **RECOGNITION**

2020 Legal 500 UK recommended lawyer

2015 Legal 500 Caribbean Recommended lawyer

London

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