

## Sara-Jane Knock

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Sara-Jane is a partner in our litigation and arbitration team.

Having trained at Withers, Sara-Jane is dual qualified, maintaining practising certificates in both the BVI and England Based in the British Virgin Islands, Sara-Jane is recognised by Chambers Global and Legal 500 BVI as a leader in her field, advising on a wide range of matters from commercial, contractual and finance disputes to insolvency, fraud and asset tracing. Sara-Jane also advises on probate and trust matters, both contentious and non-contentious.

Working together with her colleagues in other Withers' offices around the world, Sara-Jane strives to provide her clients with a dedicated global team ready to tackle cross-border cases with local on-shore and offshore experience. She regularly acts for high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs), trustees, beneficiaries, insolvency practitioners, creditors, companies, directors, shareholders and officer holders, either directly or via intermediaries. She also works with key intermediaries, service providers and foreign lawyers in various jurisdictions to ensure a seamless service for her clients.

Sara-Jane also practices public law and is currently acting for the BVI Government in relation to a Commission of Inquiry brought to investigate governance issues and allegations of corruption.

Sara-Jane is a Solicitor-Advocate, regularly appearing in Court on behalf of her clients, including dealing with interim injunctions, appointment of receivers, appointment of liquidators and dealing with shareholder disputes, just to name a few.

### **TRACK RECORD**

Acting for a high-net-worth individual in defence of the enforcement of a Russian judgment in the BVI.

Successfully acted for a BVI hedge fund in the removal of its investment manager and its liquidation.

Successfully acted for a Cyprus based trustee in defending beneficiary claims of \$150m in the BVI Commercial Court.

Successfully acted for BVI companies in discharging a BVI Freezing Order in the sum of \$15m obtained in the BVI to mirror an Order obtained in the English High Court.

Acted for the liquidators of the Kingate Funds – Madoff feeder funds.

Acting for BVI court-appointed liquidators of multiple hedge funds, seeking recognition and recovery of assets in the US and Channel Islands.

### **ADMISSIONS**

■ England and Wales, 2011

■ British Virgin Islands, 2012

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

■ Recovery and Insolvency Specialists Association (BVI) Limited

■ Solicitor Advocate of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

■ Solicitor Advocate of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

**EDUCATION**

BPP Law School, Graduate Diploma in Law  
BPP Law School, LPC  
University of St Andrews, MA International Relations

**LANGUAGES**

ENGLISH

**DATES**

JOINED: 2007  
PARTNER: 2022

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