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Birgitta is regularly instructed on challenging cases in the chancery commercial field, with a particular specialism in insolvency. She is recommended by Chambers & Partners as a leading commercial chancery junior and by Legal 500 as a leader in the field of insolvency. Birgitta enjoys getting quickly to the legal and factual issues raised by a case. She is comfortable with complex mathematical calculations.

- Chancery commercial litigation
- Company and insolvency law
- Shareholder disputes
- Partnership
- Commercial and fraud related litigation

Recent cases

- Advising a creditor as to its rights in relation to the MF Global administration, in particular as to the implications arising from the failure of the creditor to insist that its investments with MF Global were held in segregated accounts.
- Validation order obtained at short notice when company not able to produce all of the financial information otherwise required by the Insolvency practice direction.
- Advising a director/shareholder as to his rights following his constructive dismissal from a company which was obliged to allow him to continue as a director whilst he retained his shareholding.
- Acting for the Claimant company, which is suing its former director, amongst other things, for equitable compensation concerning his alleged failure to use his powers as director for their proper purposes. The factual matrix is complex and the case involves interesting legal issues especially regarding causation.
- Acted for the Defendant who was accused of operating a c.£20m unauthorised collective investment scheme in breach of ss 19/21 FSMA 2000. Extensive documentation. Serious allegations of wrongdoing.
- Acted for the Claimant company against former director seeking account of profits and/or equitable compensation for breach of fiduciary duty for wrongful diversion of company business.
- Acting for the Defendant to threatened proceedings for disqualification pursuant to CDDA 1986. Defendant denies having been a de facto director.
- Acted for Respondent to misconceived petition for bankruptcy which was dismissed by the Court on grounds that there was no liquidated sum due.
- Advising on the consequences of bankruptcy for the family home which is held under a family trust.
- Acted for the Defendant in misfeasance claim brought by the liquidator regarding breach of duty as director of various companies in a group.

- Advice to secured creditor wishing to appoint administrators pursuant to its powers under its debenture. Would the appointment be invalid or liable to challenge on the basis that it was made for an improper motive?
- Advice to directors wishing to restructure group of companies regarding duties and implications of Insolvency Act 1986.
- Advice re application of insolvency set-off after administration.

What others say

She is recommended by Legal 500 as a leader in the field of insolvency and by Chambers & Partners as a leading commercial chancery junior. The directories highlight:

Birgitta Meyer also impresses market sources with her forceful and effective advocacy. A number of legal areas make up her practice, among them insolvency, an area in which she is considered an expert. (*Commercial Chancery - Chambers UK 2012*)

Birgitta Meyer is ranked as a leading junior in the area of Insolvency in *Legal 500 2011*.

... recommended along with the “robust” Birgitta Meyer. “She has a great tactical appreciation for how the other side works”, says one source, with another adding that “we feel confident she will get her teeth into the details and relate well to the client”. (*Commercial Chancery - Chambers UK 2011*)

... a barrister who “always goes the extra mile for her client”. (*Chambers UK*)

...the “up-and-coming” Birgitta Meyer is also recommended. (*Insolvency - Legal 500 2010*)