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Ian practiced as a solicitor in London from 1995 and was a solicitor advocate until his call to the Bar in 2003. Ian is a commercial litigator, whose practice encompasses complex and high value cases often with an international dimension. He is a specialist in civil court fraud litigation, private international law, asset recovery and anti-money laundering law.

Ian is the lead editor and co-author of the practitioners' looseleaf text *Smith, Owen & Bodnar on Asset Recovery: Criminal Confiscation and Civil Recovery*, published by Oxford University Press. He is a founding committee member of the Proceeds of Crime Lawyers' Association.

The common denominator in most of Ian's cases is misconduct or fraud. Many of his cases do not surface into the public domain. Those that do are usually in the High Court.

Recent Cases of Interest:

- ◆ Fraud claims, including obtaining and discharging freezing orders
- ◆ Commercial contract disputes
- ◆ Advising victims of fraud on the interaction between civil and criminal investigations and proceedings
- ◆ Asset Recovery under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
- ◆ Advising City institutions and law firms on anti-money laundering issues
- ◆ Advising overseas companies on fraud investigations, litigation risk and international procedures for the gathering of evidence
- ◆ SRA disciplinary investigations and proceedings

Recent Speaking Engagements:

- ◆ *Civil or Criminal Action - Crossing and Using the Best Route to Recovery* at the 2nd Biennial Fraud Conference in Guernsey (GTA, 27 June 2008)
- ◆ *Victims and Fraudsters: Vulnerabilities and Venalities* at Fraud, Asset Tracing & Recovery (C5, 31 March 2008, Geneva)
- ◆ *Investigating Asset Recovery* at 3rd Annual Internal Fraud Convention (Osney Media, 6 February 2008, London)
- ◆ *The Private Face of Public Fraud Prosecutions and Investigations*, seminar (11 Stone Buildings, 20 November 2007, London)
- ◆ Chaired and spoke at *Asset Recovery: Criminal Confiscation, Civil Recovery and Money Laundering* conference (CLT, 8 October 2007, London)
- ◆ Chaired *Anti-Money Laundering Compliance for Law Firms* conference (Ark Group, 18-19 September 2007, London)

- ◆ *Using the Criminal Courts to Successfully Obtain Restitution and Compensation* at 12th Annual Fraud, Asset Tracing and Recovery conference (C5, 26 September 2007, London)
- ◆ *Private International Law in European Fraud Cases*, at Fraud, Asset Tracing & Recovery (C5, 20-21 June 2007, Geneva)
- ◆ Chair at 2nd Annual *Anti-Money Laundering and Compliance Conference* for Law Firms (Ark Group, 28-29 March 2007, London)
- ◆ *Secrets & Promises, Confidentiality and Contract Issues* at Institute of Money Laundering Prevention Officers members' meeting (28 February 2007, London)
- ◆ *Why Britain Needs Europe to Fight Organized Crime*, at the European Movement 'Speak up Europe' debate chaired by Nick Clegg MP, (29 January 2007, Portcullis House, London)
- ◆ *Anti-Money Laundering Update*, seminar with Smith & Williamson (29 January 2007, London)
- ◆ *Cross Border Commercial Disputes* seminars (11 Stone Buildings, 2 & 16 October and 6 November 2006, London)
- ◆ *Jurisdiction and Choice of Law in Commercial Disputes*, at course organized by the Consiglio Nazionale Forense (19 July 2007, London)