

## Duncan Hedar

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### Appointments

- Called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn (2020)
- Solicitor of England and Wales (2014)
- Solicitor advocate – awarded Higher Rights of Audience

### Education

- University of Manchester – B.A (hons) History
- BPP Law School - Graduate Diploma in Law
- BPP Law School – Legal Practice Course

### Overview

Duncan joined Exchange from a Magic Circle law firm where he was a Managing Associate and solicitor advocate. Duncan has extensive experience acting for national and multi-national clients in complex, high-value and business-critical litigation and arbitration.

Duncan has particular expertise in the banking, energy and telecoms sectors and has previously advised:

- Two major multi-national energy companies in relation to numerous High Court procurement challenges arising from a multi-billion-pound energy infrastructure project.
- A number of major multi-national energy companies and their subsidiaries in High Court proceedings relating to the decision of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to award contracts for difference facilitating the construction of some of the world's largest offshore wind farms in the North Sea.
- Mobile operator Three in High Court judicial review proceedings and a subsequent appeal to the Court of Appeal, in respect of Ofcom's application of competition measures in the £1.3 billion Public Sector Spectrum Release auction process.
- The Government of Timor-Leste in a dispute with Australia before the International Court of Justice relating to the seizure of data and documents by Australian intelligence officers.
- Lloyds Banking Group in judicial review proceedings of significant public interest relating to the sale of PPI.
- The representative beneficiaries of IBM's defined benefit pension scheme against IBM in High Court and Court of Appeal

proceedings relating to the closure of the scheme and the scope of the employer's duty of good faith.

- A major telecoms provider on the potential impact of US sanctions and regulatory measures applying to Huawei.
- A major multinational investment bank in relation to an FCA investigation into its compliance with transaction reporting regulations.
- A major international accountancy and business services firm in relation to US, UK and UAE regulatory investigations and US court proceedings arising from an alleged multi-billion-dollar private equity fraud.
- A major telecoms company in relation to an Ofcom investigation into alleged breaches of the Communications Act 2003.
- A major retail bank in relation to an FCA investigation relating to the sale of packaged bank accounts.
- A multi-national business services and outsourcing provider in respect of SFO and FCA investigations into suspected market abuse and related litigation.
- Sberbank in Admiralty proceedings relating to its interest in an arrested cargo vessel.

## Recommendations

*“Duncan has an exceptionally impressive knowledge of law across multiple areas.”*

*“Duncan possesses strong ability to absorb complex fact patterns and develop persuasive arguments.”*

*“Duncan is highly intelligent and hard-working, and always demonstrates strong attention to detail on his matters.”*