

## Kawsar Zaman



Year of Call: 2018

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Kawsar Zaman joined Chambers in September 2018. He accepts instructions in all of Chambers' areas of practice.

Kawsar is a qualified solicitor transferring from Clifford Chance LLP and Allen & Overy LLP where he specialised in Financial Services Regulatory Law. He advised financial institutions on a wide range of regulatory issues (including in respect of MiFID II, the Market Abuse Regulation and the Senior Managers & Certification Regime). He also has experience of high value commercial litigation including fraud and global regulatory investigations as well as international commercial arbitration matters, banking/finance transactions and private funds formation. In 2018, Kawsar was shortlisted for the Junior Lawyer of the Year by the Law Society of England & Wales.

High profile and high value matters included representing:

- A prominent Russian oligarch in respect of an LCIA arbitration concerning a joint-venture dispute.
- A leading financial institution on internal disciplinary procedures relating to alleged improper conduct by traders involving the manipulation of Libor rate submissions.
- A global investment bank on an 'Information Request' (investigation) from the PRA concerning allegations client failed to provide authorities with relevant information arising from a New York Department of Financial Services investigation.
- Platinum Equity / Exterion Media Group as the borrower's counsel on the refinancing of its €75 million facilities following a successful bid by Exterion Media for Transport for London's £2 billion advertising contract; the largest outdoor advertising contract in the world.
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch in updating its Banking Terms and ancillary documents for

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Korea.

- HSBC on one of its largest projects ever involving the ‘ring-fencing’ of its retail and commercial banking activities.

Kawsar is an author of Clifford Chance LLP’s International Mediation Guide (Second Edition, 2016), a comprehensive summary of the current “state of play” in relation to mediation worldwide surveying 47 jurisdictions covering six continents.

### Other Experience

- Kawsar is experienced at managing complex and sensitive investigations:
  - Investigating Officer for a secondary school in respect of a sensitive staff grievance lasting 4 months involving 10 witnesses and producing a 40-page report of findings with recommendations.
  - Investigating Officer for a UK headquartered International NGO in respect of a disciplinary investigation involving senior members of staff.
- Kawsar is currently:
  - a Social Mobility Ambassador for the Law Society; and
  - a Trustee of Toynbee Hall, which is home to the oldest surviving free legal advice centre in the world.
- He has a good working knowledge of government and the civil service having worked at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, the Department for Education, and the House of Commons. In 2009, Kawsar was a Global Fellow of the Prime Minister.

Kawsar is qualified to receive instructions on a [Direct Access](#) basis.

## Criminal Regulatory

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- Kawsar is regularly instructed in the Crown Court, Magistrates’ Court and Youth Court for trial and sentencing on matters covering a wide range of offences including financial crime, drugs and violence.
- His cases have included successful appeals against conviction and sentence, and private driving matters.

## Business Crime & Financial Services

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- Assisting Christopher Coltart QC in advising a High Net Worth Individual in relation to an FCA investigation into insider dealing.
- Advising an individual in relation to a pre-charge FCA investigation into alleged insider dealing.

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# Inquests & Public Inquiries

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- Appointed as a Junior Junior Counsel to the Undercover Policing Inquiry, one of the UK's longest running public inquiries.

# Public Prosecution

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As a member of the Government's Junior Junior Panel of Counsel, Kawsar has been instructed on wide ranging matters, well beyond his level of call and on one matter, 'off-panel' for cases usually reserved for the Attorney General's C-Panel of Civil Counsel.

- Advising the MoJ in respect of a civil claim for personal injury damages concerning a prisoner upon staff assault at HMP Manchester.
- Advising the MoJ and the Deputy Governor of HMP Belmarsh in respect of a civil claim for damages concerning a claim under section 13 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and tort of misuse of private information.
- Advising the DWP in respect of a claim for unfair dismissal seeking reinstatement and disability discrimination.
- Advising the Home Office in a claim for false imprisonment, assault/battery and misfeasance in public office concerning the detention of a passenger by Border Force Officers.
- Advising the HSE in respect of a claim for discrimination on grounds of disability discrimination (failing to make reasonable adjustments).

# Professional Discipline

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- Representing the Nursing & Midwifery Council in proceedings against nurses for interim and substantive order applications (suspension and conditions of practice) as well as restoration hearings.
- Assisting Marios Lambis in advising a dentist in respect of a Preliminary Meeting before the General Dental Council's Fitness to Practice hearing.

# Tax

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- Instructed by HMRC as the sole disclosure junior in respect of a First-tier Tribunal appeal against HMRC's decision to revoke the appellant's approval as a 'registered owner' under s100G(1) Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and Regulation 5(1) Warehousekeepers and Owners of Warehoused Good Regulations 1999.

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## Accreditations

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- Ann Goddard Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2019)
- Excellence in Advocacy, Criminal Bar Association Award (2018)
- Shortlisted, Junior Lawyer of the Year, Law Society of England & Wales (2018)
- Fulbright Scholarship, Harvard Law School (2013-14)
- Tun Mahathir Scholarship OCIS, University of Oxford (2012-13)
- 2 Hare Court Scholarship, London School of Economics (2009-12)
- Prime Minister's Global Fellow (2009)

## Appointments & Memberships

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- Junior Junior Counsel, Undercover Policing Inquiry
- Junior Junior Counsel, Government Legal Department
- Level 1 Prosecutor, Crown Prosecution Service Advocate Panel
- Trustee, Toynbee Hall
- Member, Criminal Bar Association
- Member, City of London Law Society
- Member, City of London Solicitors' Company
- Executive Committee Member, Society of Asian Lawyers

## Education & Qualifications

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- Harvard Law School, Master of Laws (LLM), Fulbright Scholar (2013-14)
- University of Oxford, Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL), Tun Mahathir Scholar OCIS (2012-13)
- London School of Economics, Bachelor of Laws (LLB), First Class Honours, 2 Hare Court Scholar (2009-12)

## Admissions & Qualifications:

- Bar Transfer Test, BPP University (2018)
- Roll of Solicitors, Law Society of Ireland (2018)
- Roll of Solicitors, Law Society of England & Wales (2017)
- Accelerated Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice (LPC), University of Law (2014-15)

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