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Year of call:	**2023**
Degree:	**BA (Hons Class I, University Medal), LLB (Hons Class I) (Sydney), MIslStud (Distinction, University Medal) (Charles Sturt), MPhil (Distinction) (Cantab)**
Languages:	**French (working knowledge), Arabic (some knowledge), German (some knowledge), Hebrew (some knowledge), Polish (some knowledge), Russian (some knowledge)**

Grant accepts instructions across Chambers' areas of expertise, including in commercial disputes, public and regulatory law, company law, human rights law, sports, and competition. He has particular experience working on matters with a foreign law, international law or multi-jurisdictional aspect. Grant has rights of audience in both the DIFC and the AIFC.

Recent highlights include acting on the following matters:

- A Privy Council appeal contesting the award of US$607 million in damages to the former Prime Minister of Georgia, following financial frauds committed by a Swiss bank employee.
- The challenge to the introduction of VAT on independent school fees, brought by parents and children alleging interference with their A2P1 and Article 14 rights.
- A collective proceedings competition claim brought against Apple on behalf of app developers in respect of the commission charged on App Store purchases.
- A claim brought by the co-founder of Palestine Action, seeking judicial review of the Home Secretary's decision to proscribe the organisation under the Terrorism Act 2000.
- High profile sports disciplinary charges relating to alleged false accounting and other regulatory breaches.

Grant studied Law at the University of Sydney, placing second overall in the graduating cohort and receiving his degree with First Class Honours. He also undertook a Masters in Islamic Studies at Charles Sturt University, specialising in Islamic jurisprudence, and received the universitywide Charles Sturt Medal.

Grant's prior legal work includes experience at DLA Piper Middle East in Dubai and Clifford Chance in Sydney, and as a researcher in public international and comparative law at the University of Sydney. He also served a term as a Student Director of the International Law Students Association, working with law students and universities in Ukraine and Palestine.

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Beyond the law, Grant has undertaken graduate research in Classics at the University of Cambridge as a Gates Cambridge Scholar, and as a guest researcher at Heidelberg University, focusing on Greek and Semitic linguistics. He has taught undergraduate and graduate classes in Latin and Classical Greek at the Cambridge Faculty of Classics, as well as college supervisions on historical linguistics.

EXPERIENCE

Commercial

Grant accepts instructions in all areas of commercial law. He has experience acting and assisting in a range of high-value and complex commercial disputes in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Privy Council, as well as acting for parties in the DIFC and the AIFC.

Grant has particular experience working on cross-border disputes with a foreign law element. Before coming to the Bar, Grant developed an expertise in comparative and foreign law, with a specialisation in Middle Eastern legal systems (including those of Saudi Arabia and the UAE).

Cases

Credit Suisse Life (Bermuda) Ltd v Ivanishvili

[2025] 3 WLR 789 (PC)

Acted for Credit Suisse Life in the Privy Council (Bermuda), contesting a damages award of $607 million in favour of the former Prime Minister of Georgia arising out of financial frauds perpetrated by an employee of Credit Suisse AG (in a team led by Lord Falconer KC and Sebastian Isaac KC). The Board held that the claimant's awareness of a representation is not an element of the tort of deceit, overturning well-established English authority.

Kahlon v Liberty Steel Group Ltd & Others

Case No. CFI-070-2022

Acting for the Defendant companies in a two-week trial before the DIFC Court of First Instance, resisting a claim brought by a former CEO seeking damages exceeding US$30 million for alleged wrongful termination and breach of contract (with Andrew Trotter and Tom Watret). The case raises novel questions of DIFC law, including on the operation of its choice of law rules; the scope of the Employment Law; and limitation.

Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation Ltd v Director of the Serious Fraud Office

Acting for the Director of the SFO in defence of a claim for more than $93 million in increased borrowing costs and other loss said to have been caused by the inducement of breaches of contract (with Tom Richards KC and George Molyneaux). The 5-week trial on causation and quantum issues is listed for 2026.

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Trayport Ltd v E-Star Trading GmbH & Others

[2026] EWHC 164 (Ch)

Acting for two German companies served with claims alleging unlawful copying in the design of their proprietary energy trading software platform (with Tom Mountford). The claims include allegations of copyright and database infringement, trade mark infringement, and procuring breach of an employment agreement and restrictive covenant.

Gort (Holdings) Ltd v MRP Brazil Ltd

Acting for a Guernsey company in proceedings related to an inquiry into damages arising from a Worldwide Freezing Order obtained in 2014 in aid of arbitration proceedings (with Carmine Conte).

[Air carrier] v [Airline]

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A claim for breach of contract and unlawful means conspiracy in relation to inherited shares in a Saudi company, raising complex issues of Saudi company law (assisting Shane Sibbel for the Claimant).

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Advised the Claimants, ex-directors/employees found to have been unfairly dismissed from the Respondent company, on assessing loss resulting from being deprived of the value of their shares in the business.

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AXA France IARD SA v Santander Cards UK Ltd

A claim seeking over £600 million in respect of historic misselling liabilities (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Claimant).

[Company] v [Ex-director]

A claim brought by an aerospace company against its former director for breach of contractual and director's duties in respect of a call-in notice under the National Security and Investment Act 2021 (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Claimant).

[Company] v [Company]

An LCIA arbitration relating to claims in debt and breach of contractual security obligations (assisting Andreas Gledhill KC and Shane Sibbel for the Claimant).

Bounce Back Loan Scheme advice

Advice on the terms and operation of Guarantee Agreements made between lenders and the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy under the COVID-19 Bounce Back Loan Scheme (assisting Fraser Campbell).

C Ltd v L Ltd & Others

A claim against insurers under the terms of a Warranty and Indemnity Liability Insurance Policy, for insured losses of over US$22 million caused by breaches of warranties under an SPA (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Claimant).

Jones v Mallett

[2024] EWHC 2035 (Ch)

A claim relating to the Defendants' wrongful retention and dissemination of confidential information, in breach of a settlement agreement between the parties (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Claimants).

Delancey Real Estate and Asset Management v HMRC

A high-value contractual dispute with HMRC relating to an Employee Benefit Trust Settlement Agreement, involving complex issues of tax law, trusts, and recission (assisting Leona Powell for the Claimants).

Public Institution for Social Security v Al Rajaan & Others

A civil fraud claim, alleged to be worth in excess of US$850 million, brought by the Kuwaiti Public Institution for Social Security against its former director general, involving questions of Kuwaiti and Swiss law (assisting Harry Adamson for the First and Second Defendants).

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Unfair prejudice petitions relating to two companies within a family business, complaining of the diversion of profits and assets, exclusion from management and failure to pay reasonable dividends, all in breach of a common understanding (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Petitioner).

Re Artemas Joseph Holdings Ltd

[2024] BCC 822 (ChD)

An unfair prejudice petition, complaining of an undervalue sale of the company's operating subsidiary by the majority to themselves (assisting Fraser Campbell for the successful Petitioner). The majority shareholder was ordered to buy out the petitioner's shares at value as assessed at time of sale (notwithstanding that the subsidiary had since entered administration), and a third party was found secondarily liable, having colluded in the scheme.

Surrey Searches Ltd v Northumbrian Water Ltd & Others

[2024] EWHC 1643 (Ch)

A claim in restitution relating to the provision by water and sewerage companies of water and drainage information to personal search companies, for a claimed quantum of over £150 million (assisting Monica Carss-Frisk KC and Jason Pobjoy for the Severn Trent Defendants). The Stage 1 decision was the first major High Court ruling on the scope and application of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Dinwoodie v Fisher

An application for money judgment following the Claimant's successful claim for breach of joint venture fiduciary duties, arising from his wrongful exclusion from the joint venture companies and the transfer of their assets to entities controlled by the Defendant (assisting Shane Sibbel for the Claimant).

Re: a defined benefit pension scheme

Advice for the Principal Employer of a defined benefit pension scheme on the operation of return of surplus provisions and the parameters of rationality/good faith within which decisions should be made on discretionary increases to pensions in payment (assisting Fraser Campbell).

[Company] v [Ex-employee]

A claim seeking negative declaratory relief against the Claimant's former employee, an investment analyst claiming entitlement to a bonus alleged to be worth almost £8 million. (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Claimant).

Re [Company]

Advice for the director of a property company on an unfair prejudice petition against his co-director, complaining of diverted opportunities, exclusion from management, and the exploitation of company resources (assisting Fraser Campbell).

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Re: a family trust

Advice for a high-net-worth individual on issues of company law in relation to the corporate trustee of a family trust (assisting Fraser Campbell).

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A civil fraud claim brought against the Claimant company's former joint venture partner, relating to the sale of its share in an aviation leasing and consultancy business (assisting Harry Adamson for the Claimant).

Shield v Shield

Claims and counterclaims relating to the consequences of a company reorganisation in which the First Claimant was bought out of the family business (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Defendants).

Re: a telecoms company

Advice for a major telecommunications company on the enforcement of high-value arbitration proceedings in the UK (assisting Leona Powell).

[Company] v [Ex-employee]

A claim against the Claimant's former employee and competitor companies, seeking relief for the wrongful dissemination of confidential information and the diversion of business opportunities (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Claimant).

[Company] v [A]

A civil fraud claim relating to investments in a luxury resort in Thailand, raising questions of Thai law (assisting Shane Sibbel for the Defendants).

Sanderson & Others v MGN Ltd

An application to appeal on (inter alia) the test for when a claimant is constructively on notice of the need to investigate their claims for the purpose of assessing limitation periods (assisting Harry Adamson for MGN Ltd). This application formed part of the Mirror Newspapers hacking litigation.

Defence Secretary v [A]

Advice for the Secretary of State for Defence on a claim for damages for breach of contract against an external contractor (assisting Harry Adamson).

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Public & Regulatory

Grant accepts instructions in all areas of public and regulatory law.

Grant has a particular expertise in migration and citizenship matters. Before coming to the Bar, he received the Playfair Prize in Migration Law at the University of Sydney, and provided research assistance to Professor Mary Crock in support of her academic work on immigration and refugee law.

Cases

R (Ammori) v Home Secretary

[2025] EWHC 1708 (Admin); [2025] EWCA Civ 848; [2025] EWHC 2013 (Admin); [2025] EWCA Civ 1311

Acting for the Claimant, a co-founder of the direct action protest network Palestine Action, challenging the Home Secretary's decision to proscribe the organisation under the Terrorism Act 2000, including on the basis that the decision is a disproportionate interference with Articles 10 and 11 ECHR (in a team led by Raza Husain KC and Blinne Ní Ghrálaigh KC).

Re the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland's Application for Judicial Review

[2026] 2 WLR 109 (SC)

Acted for the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, successfully challenging a decision by a coroner to disclose information over which public interest immunity had been asserted (in a team led by Sir James Eadie KC, Tony McGleenan KC and Jason Pobjoy KC). The Supreme Court provided guidance on the test to be applied by a court reviewing an assessment of the public interest by a first instance court (or coroner), and on the Secretary of State's democratic and institutional competence in national security matters.

Johnson v Governor of the Cayman Islands

Acting for the Cayman Islands Government, in a challenge to a Cabinet decision to compulsorily acquire Red Spot Beach for the future benefit of the people of the Cayman Islands and local fishermen for the continued use as a public fish market (with Naina Patel KC).

R (C3) v Foreign Secretary

[2026] EWHC 34 (Admin)

Acting for the Foreign Secretary, in a challenge to his decision not to provide consular assistance to repatriate a British citizen detained in North-East Syria on national security grounds (led by Kate Grange KC and Jason Pobjoy KC). The case raises novel questions around the constitutional right of abode, the role that international obligations on arbitrary detention and torture play in Executive decision-making, and the scope of the positive obligations under Articles 3 and 8 ECHR.

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Acted for Ofsted in successfully resisting a challenge to its reporting and inspection reforms, including its introduction of 5-point grading scale report cards to replace the one-word grading system (with Sir James Eadie KC and Tim Johnston).

R (ALR) v Chancellor of the Exchequer

[2026] 1 WLR 10 (DC)

Acted for the Claimant children and parents challenging the removal of the VAT exemption from independent school fees, on the basis that the amended legislation infringes their A2P1 right to access education and is discriminatory contrary to Article 14 (with Lord Pannick KC and Paul Luckhurst).

Manchester City FC v Premier League (APT Rules)

Acted for the Premier League in Section X arbitral proceedings concerning the validity of the Premier League's Rules concerning Associated Party Transactions (in a team led by Marie Demetriou KC, Andrew Hunter KC, Daniel Piccinin KC and Jason Pobjoy KC).

Chinuch UK advice

Advised the representative body for Charedi Jewish schools on potential human rights claims, including for discrimination contrary to Article 14 ECHR.

Home Fees advice

Advising the Cayman Islands Government on the regulations governing when residents of the Cayman Islands may pay Home Fees at English and Welsh universities.

British Business Bank advice

Advising the British Business Bank on the legal consequences of its commercial and public functions (with Hanif Mussa KC).

GOV.UK Wallet advice

Advised the Government Digital Service and OfDIA on legal consequences of the use of the GOV.UK Wallet for identity verification in the private sector (with Tim Otty KC).

Energy infrastructure advice

Advised a significant proposed energy infrastructure project on a contemplated application for judicial review (with Tom de la Mare KC).

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SA v Home Office

Acting for the Claimant seeking s. 8 HRA 1998 damages for prejudice caused by the Home Office's six-year delay in the determination of his application for asylum (unled).

Advice on Crown status

Advised the legal entity responsible for managing the Royal Parks on its relationship with the Crown (with Iain Steele).

Carmi v AFSA

Case No. AIFC-C/CA/2024/033

Acted for the Astana Financial Services Authority, successfully resisting an application to appeal a judgment upholding its decision to reject an application to operate a cryptocurrency facility in the AIFC FinTech Lab on grounds of fitness and propriety (with Ben Jaffey KC).

R (IAB) v Home Secretary

[2024] 1 WLR 1916 (CA)

An appeal on whether a public authority under the duty of candour is entitled to redact the identities of junior civil servants from disclosed documents on the ground of relevance (assisting Sir James Eadie KC and Jason Pobjoy for the Home Secretary).

Dalston Projects Ltd v Transport Secretary; Shvidler v Foreign Secretary

[2024] 1 WLR 3327 (CA)

The first appellate consideration of sanctions designations under the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (assisting Sir James Eadie KC and Jason Pobjoy for the Secretaries of State).

Surrey Searches Ltd v Northumbrian Water Ltd & Others

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A claim in restitution relating to the provision by water and sewerage companies of water and drainage information to personal search companies, for a claimed quantum of over £150 million (assisting Monica Carss-Frisk KC and Jason Pobjoy for the Severn Trent Defendants). The Stage 1 decision was the first major High Court ruling on the scope and application of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Financial regulations advice

Advice for a financial regulator on managing potential third-party rights issues during an ongoing investigation (assisting Harry Adamson).

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R (El-Ashkar) v Home Secretary

An application by the Home Secretary to withdraw undertakings provided to the Upper Tribunal following its serious errors in the handling of the Applicant's student visa application (assisting Jason Pobjoy and Rayan Fakhoury for the Applicant).

R (Duff) v Secretary of State for Justice

[2024] EWHC 917 (Admin)

A challenge to the Secretary of State for Justice's decision to accept a recommendation to terminate the Claimant's Board membership, following her grossly negligent decision to direct a prisoner's release (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Parole Board).

R (CWJ) v Director of Legal Aid Casework & Lord Chancellor

[2025] EWHC 306 (Admin)

A challenge to the Exceptional Case Funding Guidance concerning public funding for legal representation (assisting Shane Sibbel for the Lord Chancellor).

Webb v Information Commission & BBC

An appeal relating to a FOIA request for information held about the 1995 Panorama interview with the late Diana, Princess of Wales (assisting Jason Pobjoy and Will Bordell).

Personal Injury Discount Rate advice

Advice for the Lord Chancellor on matters relating to the review of the Personal Injury Discount Rate under the Civil Liability Act 2018 (assisting Shane Sibbel).

AGO v S

Advice for the Attorney General on the merits of potential contempt proceedings for breach of an order under penal notice (assisting Fraser Campbell).

[A] v Secretary of State for Justice

Advice for the Secretary of State for Justice on the disclosure of information about spent convictions (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Sports regulatory advice

Advice for a sports governing body on the intersection between national and European licensing and disciplinary jurisdictions (assisting Adam Lewis KC and Jason Pobjoy).

BBC advice

Advice for the BBC on the correct application of the Ofcom Broadcasting Code in respect of infringements of privacy by a programme maker (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

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Sanctions advice for the FCDO

Advice for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on a challenge to the designation of an entity under the Belarus (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Civil Fraud, Asset Recovery & Injunctive Relief

Grant accepts instructions in all areas of civil fraud, including applications for interim injunctive relief.

Cases

Credit Suisse Life (Bermuda) Ltd v Ivanishvili

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Acted for Credit Suisse Life in the Privy Council (Bermuda), contesting a damages award of $607 million in favour of the former Prime Minister of Georgia arising out of financial frauds perpetrated by an employee of Credit Suisse AG (in a team led by Lord Falconer KC and Sebastian Isaac KC). The Board held that the claimant's awareness of a representation is not an element of the tort of deceit, overturning well-established English authority.

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Norwich Pharmacal advice

Advice for a financial institution on a Norwich Pharmacal order application in respect of a potential claim for alleged misconduct related to shares in an Indonesian company (assisting Harry Adamson).

[Company] v [Ex-employee]

Advice for a potential claimant on the availability of interim injunctive relief against a former employee acting in breach of duties of confidence and restrictive covenants (assisting Harry Adamson).

[A] v [B]

A freezing application sought against his property in England in support of civil fraud proceedings in Delaware (assisting Harry Adamson for the Respondent).

[A] v [B]

Advice for a potential claimant on a claim relating to the misappropriation of valuable artwork located abroad (assisting Harry Adamson).

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Company

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Re: a director

Significant director disqualification proceedings brought by the Secretary of State for Business (assisting Andreas Gledhill KC and Harry Adamson for the director).

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Claims and counterclaims relating to the consequences of a company reorganisation in which the First Claimant was bought out of the family business (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Defendants).

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A claim against the Claimant's former employee and competitor companies, seeking relief for the wrongful dissemination of confidential information and the diversion of business opportunities (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Claimant).

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Advice for a high-net-worth individual on issues of company law in relation to the corporate trustee of a family trust (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Financial Services & Banking

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FDIC-R v Barclays Bank Plc & Others

Acted for UBS AG in a claim brought by the receiver of 19 closed US banks alleging collusive suppression by Panel Banks of the USD LIBOR rate between 2007 and 2009 (with Brian Kennelly KC and Paul Luckhurst). The claim settled out of court in June 2025.

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Advice for a financial regulator on managing potential third-party rights issues during an ongoing investigation (assisting Harry Adamson).

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

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Chinuch UK advice

Advised the representative body for Charedi Jewish schools on potential human rights claims, including for discrimination contrary to Article 14 ECHR.

University of Cambridge v Persons Unknown

[2025] EWHC 454 (KB); [2025] EWHC 724 (KB); [2025] EWHC 2330 (KB)

Acting for the ELSC as Intervener, opposing the University's application for a Persons Unknown precautionary injunction restricting protest at the University of Cambridge, on the basis that the measure infringed on protesters' rights under Articles 10, 11 and 14 ECHR (unled, then with Owen Greenhall and Mira Hammad).

Trinity College, Cambridge v Persons Unknown

[2025] EWHC 1577 (Ch)

Acted for the ELSC as Intervener, opposing applications by two Cambridge colleges for Persons Unknown precautionary injunctions restricting protest by Cambridge for Palestine (unled).

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Cardiff University v Persons Unknown

Acted for the ELSC as Intervener, opposing Cardiff University's application for a Persons Unknown precautionary injunction restricting protest at eleven sites around campus (unled).

SA v Home Office

Acting for the Claimant seeking s. 8 HRA 1998 damages for prejudice caused by the Home Office's six-year delay in the determination of his application for asylum (unled).

Education

Grant accepts instructions in all areas of education law, particularly on issues of public and charity law affecting the education sector.

Cases

R (ALR) v Chancellor of the Exchequer

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R (NAHT) v Ofsted

[2025] EWHC 2891 (Admin)

Acted for Ofsted in successfully resisting a challenge to its reporting and inspection reforms, including its introduction of 5-point grading scale report cards to replace the one-word grading system (with Sir James Eadie KC and Tim Johnston).

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Acted for the ELSC as Intervener, opposing applications by two Cambridge colleges for Persons Unknown precautionary injunctions restricting protest by Cambridge for Palestine (unled).

Cardiff University v Persons Unknown

Acted for the ELSC as Intervener, opposing Cardiff University's application for a Persons Unknown precautionary injunction restricting protest at eleven sites around campus (unled).

Boat Race 2025 advice

Advised on grounds for challenging the lawfulness of a decision that Cambridge PGCE students were ineligible to row in the annual Boat Race between Oxford University Boat Club and Cambridge University Boat Club on the basis that the PGCE was not a "degree-level qualification" (with Kieron Beal KC, Ravi Mehta and Will Bordell).

Re: a school

Advised parents on the lawfulness of the Governors' decision to close their children's school and sell its property with vacant possession (unled).

Employment

Grant accepts instructions in all areas of employment law.

Cases

Kahlon v Liberty Steel Group Ltd & Others

Case No. CFI-070-2022

Acting for the Defendant companies in a two-week trial before the DIFC Court of First Instance, resisting a claim brought by a former CEO seeking damages exceeding US$30 million for alleged wrongful termination and breach of contract (with Andrew Trotter and Tom Watret). The case raises novel questions of DIFC law, including on the operation of its choice of law rules; the scope of the Employment Law; and limitation.

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Trayport Ltd v E-Star Trading GmbH & Others

[2026] EWHC 164 (Ch)

Acting for two German companies served with claims alleging unlawful copying in the design of their proprietary energy trading software platform (with Tom Mountford). The claims include allegations of copyright and database infringement, trade mark infringement, and procuring breach of an employment agreement and restrictive covenant.

Heinl & Anor v Moving Brands Ltd & Others

Advised the Claimants, ex-directors/employees found to have been unfairly dismissed from the Respondent company, on assessing loss resulting from being deprived of the value of their shares in the business.

[Company] v [Ex-employee]

A claim against the Claimant's former employee and competitor companies, seeking relief for the wrongful dissemination of confidential information and the diversion of business opportunities (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Claimant).

[Company] v [Ex-employee]

A claim seeking negative declaratory relief against the Claimant's former employee, an investment analyst claiming entitlement to a bonus alleged to be worth almost £8 million. (assisting Fraser Campbell for the Claimant).

[Company] v [Ex-employee]

Advice for a potential claimant on the availability of interim injunctive relief against a former employee acting in breach of duties of confidence and restrictive covenants (assisting Harry Adamson).

EU & Competition

Grant accepts instructions in all areas of EU and competition law. Recent highlights include acting for Apple in collective proceedings brought on behalf of app developers, and for UBS AG in a claim brought by FDIC alleging collusive suppression of the USD LIBOR rate between 2007 and 2009.

Grant is a member of the Bar European Group.

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Cases

Ennis v Apple Inc

Acting for Apple in collective proceedings brought on behalf of app developers, alleging that the commission charged on app purchases made through the App Store infringes Article 102 TFEU/the Chapter II prohibition (in a team led by Brian Kennelly KC, Marie Demetriou KC and Daniel Piccinin KC).

FDIC-R v Barclays Bank Plc & Others

Acted for UBS AG in a claim brought by the receiver of 19 closed US banks alleging collusive suppression by Panel Banks of the USD LIBOR rate between 2007 and 2009 (with Brian Kennelly KC and Paul Luckhurst). The claim settled out of court in June 2025.

BSV Claims Ltd v Bittylicious Ltd & Others

[2024] CAT 48

A successful partial strike-out application within collective proceedings in the CAT relating to the delisting of the BSV coin by cryptocurrency exchanges, for a claimed quantum of up to £9.9 billion (assisting Brian Kennelly KC and Jason Pobjoy for Binance). The application concerned the assessment of damages and loss of chance analysis in the competition context.

BIRA Trading Ltd v Amazon.com, Inc

Proposed collective proceedings in the CAT relating to Amazon's use of proprietary seller data for its own product entry strategies, for a claimed quantum of up to £1.14 billion (assisting Jason Pobjoy for the Proposed Class Representative).

Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings

Multiple claims brought by retailers under Articles 101 and 102 TFEU, relating to the interchange fees applicable to payment card transactions (assisting Jason Pobjoy for Visa).

CMA v Volkswagen AG

[2024] BusLR 1108 (CA)

An appeal relating to the application of the presumption against extraterritoriality to the Competition and Markets Authority's enforcement powers (assisting Brian Kennelly KC and Jason Pobjoy for Volkswagen).

Sport

Grant accepts instructions in all areas of sports law.

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Cases

Manchester City FC v Premier League (APT Rules)

Acted for the Premier League in Section X arbitral proceedings concerning the validity of the Premier League's Rules concerning Associated Party Transactions (in a team led by Marie Demetriou KC, Andrew Hunter KC, Daniel Piccinin KC and Jason Pobjoy KC).

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Premier League v Everton FC

The appeal of a Premier League Commission decision to impose an immediate 10-point deduction for the Club's breach of the Profitability and Sustainability Rules (assisting Jason Pobjoy for the Premier League).

[Agency] v [Agency]

Advice for an agency contemplating a claim against a competitor for inducing breach of contract in relation to poaching a player under representation (assisting Shane Sibbel).

Sports regulatory advice

Advice for a sports governing body on the intersection between national and European licensing and disciplinary jurisdictions (assisting Adam Lewis KC and Jason Pobjoy).

Public International Law

Grant accepts instructions in all areas of public international law.

Before coming to the Bar, Grant was a researcher at the Sydney Centre of International Law, and served on the Conference Team for the Cambridge International Law Journal. He continues to publish and present papers on public international law topics, with a focus on doctrinal and critical approaches to the international legal system (see Publications below).

Grant also has extensive experience with the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, both as a competitor (as a member of the Australian National Champions team in 2018) and team advisor (including coaching the Cambridge team in 2022). He also served a term as a Student Director of the International Law Students Association, working with law students and universities in Ukraine and Palestine.

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Cases

R (C3) v Foreign Secretary

[2026] EWHC 34 (Admin)

Acting for the Foreign Secretary, in a challenge to his decision not to provide consular assistance to repatriate a British citizen detained in North-East Syria on national security grounds (led by Kate Grange KC and Jason Pobjoy KC). The case raises novel questions around the constitutional right of abode, the role that international obligations on arbitrary detention and torture play in Executive decision-making, and the scope of the positive obligations under Articles 3 and 8 ECHR.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

- MPhil in Classics (Distinction) (Cantab)
- MIslStud in Islamic Law and Fiqh (Distinction, University Medal) (Charles Sturt)
- GradDip in Legal Practice (College of Law, Australia)
- LLB (Hons Class I) (Sydney)
- BA in Classics (Hons Class I, University Medal) (Sydney)
- DipLang in Polish Studies (Macquarie)
- DipLangStud in Arabic Language and Cultures (Sydney)

Selected Scholarships and Prizes

- Sir John and Lady Sophie Laws Scholarship, Bar European Group
- Riaz Hassan Prize for Best Honours Thesis, Australian Association of Islamic & Muslim Studies
- Gates Cambridge Scholarship (twice)
- Jeremie Septuagint Prize, University of Cambridge
- Members' Classical Essay Prize, University of Cambridge
- University of Sydney Scholar Chancellor's Award
- Sir Dudley Williams Prize (ranked second in the LLB cohort), University of Sydney
- Nancy Gordon Smith Prize for Honours at Graduation, University of Sydney
- Margaret Ethel Peden Prize in Real Property, University of Sydney
- Playfair Prize in Migration Law, University of Sydney
- Sybil Morrison Prize for Jurisprudence Part 2, University of Sydney
- Charles Sturt Medal (university-wide award for academic achievement and public service), Charles Sturt University
- Australian National Champions, 2018 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- University Medal in Classics (ranked first in the cohort), University of Sydney
- Backhouse Prize for Greek and Latin, University of Sydney

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- Beauchamp Prize for Literature, University of Sydney
- Council of Christians and Jews Medal for Ancient Hebrew, Macquarie University
- Svetlana Borisovna Savina Memorial Prize for Russian Studies, Macquarie University
- Zygmunt Wszelaki Prize for Polish, Macquarie University

Memberships

- COMBAR
- ALBA
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association
- Bar European Group

Publications

Chapters in Edited Books

"Implementing the Law of the Sea: The Case of Russia in Arbitrations under UNCLOS" in Marta Chantal Ribeiro, Fernando Loureiro Bastos and Tore Henriksen (eds) Global Challenges and the Law of the Sea (Cham: Springer, 2020): 287-317 (with Rebecca Brown)

Conference Papers

”Conceptions of Islamic Law in the Colonial Court Practice of the Netherlands-Indies, 1848-1867” (Paper presented at the 2022 Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies, University of Edinburgh, 7 June 2022)

”Instrumentalising Agreement: Russia’s ‘Treaties’ with the Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics” (Paper presented at the Gates Day of Research, University of Cambridge, 7 May 2022)

”The Law of the Sea and Islam: A Comparative Approach to Legal Traditions of Mare Liberum” (Paper presented at the 27th Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law Annual Conference, Australian National University, 5 July 2019)

”Universalising International Law through Language: The Use of Arabic in United Nations Conventions“ (Paper presented at the Three Languages - Three Cultures: Narratives from the Middle East Conference, Australian National University, 23 November 2018)

”Islamic International Law and General Principles under Article 38(1)(c) of the Statute of the International Court of Justice” (Paper presented at International Law Weekend, Fordham University School of Law, New York City, 20 October 2018)

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