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Year of call: **2022**
Degree: **LLB (King's College London, First Class), JD (Columbia, James Kent Scholar), BCL (Oxon, Distinction)**

Myron is developing a commercial practice, with a particular focus on international arbitration (commercial and investment treaty), arbitration-related litigation (including Arbitration Act 1996 applications), commercial contracts, and issues of private international law.

Before joining Blackstone, Myron was an associate and solicitor-advocate at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan in London, where he specialised in international arbitration. He has also worked as an associate at Herbert Smith Freehills, an international arbitration intern at Arnold & Porter, and an international arbitration research assistant to Julian Lew KC of Twenty Essex.

Myron read law at the universities of Oxford, Columbia, and King's College London, where he was awarded several prizes and scholarships, including the Clarendon Scholarship, the Honoré BCL Scholarship, and best performance prizes for International Commercial Arbitration and International Criminal Law on the BCL.

Myron has published in law journals such as the Law Quarterly Review (LQR), the Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly (LMCLQ), Arbitration International, and the ICSID Review, on arbitration, private international law, and commercial law topics. His publications have been referenced in practitioners' textbooks such as Chitty on Contracts, Dicey, Morris & Collins on the Conflict of Laws, Mustill & Boyd: International Commercial Arbitration, and Benjamin's Sale of Goods.

Alongside his practice, Myron is undertaking doctoral research at the University of Oxford on arbitration agreements in English law and several topical issues (e.g. s.6A of the Arbitration Act 1996, and the proper scope of the separability principle). His research is doctrinal and practical in its focus, and complements his practice.

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EXPERIENCE

International Arbitration

Myron is particularly interested in international arbitration and English arbitration law (including arbitration-related litigation, such as Arbitration Act 1996 applications), and is developing a specialist practice. As a solicitor-advocate at Quinn Emanuel and Herbert Smith Freehills, he was involved in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, as well as arbitration-related litigation in the English courts. His (ongoing) doctoral research relates to arbitration agreements in English law.

Cases

Confidential UNCITRAL arbitration

UNCITRAL arbitration between an international organisation and various defendants involving (inter alia) commercial fraud claims of c. USD $60m and complex issues of private international law and arbitration law (assisting Fraser Campbell KC).

London-seated commercial sports arbitration

Dispute involving breach of contract claims and (inter alia) the construction and enforceability of a multi-tiered arbitration agreement containing pre-arbitration ADR requirements, along with s. 9, s.30, and s.44 Arbitration Act 1996 issues (assisting Ravi Mehta).

Commercial

Myron is developing a broad commercial practice. He is able to draw upon his past professional experience as a solicitor-advocate at Quinn Emanuel and Herbert Smith Freehills, where he worked on complex commercial disputes arising from a variety of areas, including energy, commodities, sale of goods, banking, telecommunications, hospitality, private equity, and joint ventures.

Cases

Al-Aggad v Al-Aggad & Ors (Commercial Court)

Complex commercial dispute involving allegations of unlawful means conspiracy and involving (inter alia) English private international law issues (assisting Shane Sibbel).

AXA France v Santander Cards UK (Commercial Court)

Complex commercial dispute between AXA and Santander involving contractual claims for c. £400 million of damages arising from the allocation of liability for historic mis-selling of PPI (assisting Fraser Campbell KC).

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Advice regarding an international supply of goods contract

Advising on English contract law issues relating to international supply of goods arrangements (assisting Ravi Mehta).

Commercial dispute regarding alleged investment services

Breach of contract and unjust enrichment claims relating to the alleged provision of investment services (assisting Fraser Campbell KC).

Confidential commercial matter regarding loan instruments

English contract law advice on the construction of loan note instruments forming part of a corporate financing transaction (assisting Harry Adamson).

Confidential UNCITRAL arbitration

UNCITRAL arbitration between an international organisation and various defendants involving (inter alia) commercial fraud claims of c. USD $60m and complex issues of private international law and arbitration law (assisting Fraser Campbell KC).

Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation Ltd v Director of the SFO & Ors (Commercial Court)

USD $93m+ claim in the Commercial Court for inducement of breach of contract (assisting George Molyneaux).

Gorgon Music LLC v Sanctuary Records Group Ltd & Anor (Chancery Division)

Commercial music licensing dispute between a US records company and record label companies (assisting Shane Sibbel).

Interglobe Aircraft Management Services (UK) Private Ltd v Airborne Capital Ltd & Ors (Commercial Court)

Complex commercial fraud dispute between an aviation company against its former JV partners relating to the sale of an aviation leasing and consultancy business (assisting Harry Adamson)

Kobrat Altafakhor Trading Company v Marine & Remote Sensing Solutions Ltd (London Circuit Commercial Court)

Commercial contract dispute relating to international procurement and loan arrangements (assisting Harry Adamson).

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McCarthy v Proctor & Anor [2025] EWHC 25 (Ch) (Chancery Division)

Contract and unjust enrichment claims arising out of asset distribution contracts, involving (inter alia) issues of English private international law (assisting Fraser Campbell KC).

McLaren Indy LLC & Anor v Alpa Racing USA LLC & Ors (Commercial Court)

Commercial Court proceedings against Indy 500 driver, Alex Palou, involving breach of contract and unjust enrichment claims (assisting Celia Rooney).

Public Institution for Social Security v Al-Rajaan & Ors (Commercial Court)

Complex commercial fraud dispute brought by the Kuwaiti Public Institution for Social Security against various non-UK and UK defendants, involving (inter alia) English private international law issues (assisting Harry Adamson).

Shareholder dispute in an aviation company (Chancery Division)

Dispute between the shareholders of an airline company relating to alleged breaches of contract arising out of equity financing arrangements (assisting Fraser Campbell KC).

Shareholder dispute in an investment company (Chancery Division)

Dispute between the shareholders of an investment company relating to the construction of share buyout provisions (assisting Fraser Campbell KC).

Sunny Day Business Ltd v Shivdasani & Ors (Commercial Court)

Commercial fraud dispute between a BVI company and various non-UK defendants, involving (inter alia) English private international law issues (assisting Shane Sibbel).

X-R Touring LLP v Javor [2025] EWCA Civ 497

Court of Appeal proceedings relating to the construction and enforceability of restrictive covenants in a commercial contract between a music artist management company and a former agent (assisting Celia Rooney).

Advice regarding contractual arrangements

Advising on commercial contracts and performance-related issues (assisting Ravi Mehta).

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Private International Law

Myron has a specific interest in private international law issues, such as questions of jurisdiction, governing law, and the enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards. These issues have frequently arisen from the commercial matters on which he has worked, both in his current role and his past employment as a solicitor-advocate at Quinn Emanuel and Herbert Smith Freehills.

Cases

Public Institution for Social Security v Al-Rajaan & Ors (Commercial Court)

Complex commercial fraud dispute brought by the Kuwaiti Public Institution for Social Security against various non-UK and UK defendants, involving (inter alia) English private international law issues (assisting Harry Adamson).

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Commercial fraud dispute between a BVI company and various non-UK defendants, involving (inter alia) English private international law issues (assisting Shane Sibbel).

AFM and SAG-AFTRA & Ors v Secretary of State [2025] EWHC 1944 (Ch)

Claims in respect of performers' remuneration brought by US collective management organisations involving (inter alia) choice of law issues in English private international law (assisting Ravi Mehta).

Confidential UNCITRAL arbitration

UNCITRAL arbitration between an international organisation and various defendants involving (inter alia) commercial fraud claims of c. USD $60m and complex issues of private international law and arbitration law (assisting Fraser Campbell KC).

McCarthy v Proctor & Anor [2025] EWHC 25 (Ch) (Chancery Division)

Contract and unjust enrichment claims arising out of asset distribution contracts, involving (inter alia) issues of English private international law (assisting Fraser Campbell KC).

Public International Law

Myron has an interest in, and practical experience of, international investment law and arbitration. He has worked on several investment treaty arbitrations in his previous employment at law firms, arising from sectors such as telecommunications, banking, and energy.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

-Clarendon Scholarship (DPhil, Oxford) (2023)

-Prize for the Best Performance in International Commercial Arbitration (BCL, Oxford) (2018)

-Prize for the Best Performance in International Criminal Law (BCL, Oxford) (2018)

-Honoré BCL Scholarship (2017)

-James Kent Scholarship, '3L' year (Columbia) (2017)

-James Kent Scholarship, '1L/2L' (combined) year (Columbia) (2016)

-Several best performance prizes/grades for specific subjects (Columbia and King's College London)

-W. Kwan Scholarship (ranked 1st in the first year LLB cohort), (King's College London) (2013)

Publications

- M Phua, 'Anti-suit injunctions and more complications after Enka v Chubb' (2024) 140 Law Quarterly Review 507-513

- M Phua and M Chan, 'The enforcement of foreign arbitration agreements by anti-suit injunction' (2024) 140 Law Quarterly Review 349-355

- M Phua, 'Clarifying the separability principle' (2023) 139 Law Quarterly Review 349-354

- M Phua and M Chan, 'The law governing whether an arbitration agreement binds a non-party' [2023] Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly 22-28

- M Phua and S Lee, 'The applicability of Henderson v Henderson in an arbitration seated in England' (2023) Arbitration International 278-290

- M Chan and M Phua 'Alleged non-parties to an arbitration agreement' (2022) 138 Law Quarterly Review 376-381

- M Phua, 'Repudiating an arbitration agreement by suing elsewhere' (2022) 138 Law Quarterly Review 131-153

- M Phua and M Chan, 'Persistent questions after Enka v Chubb' (2021) 137 Law Quarterly Review 216-221

- M Phua and S Lee, 'Taxonomising quasi-contractual anti-suit injunctions' [2021] Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly 58-63

- M Phua, 'Party intentions and remoteness beyond 'assumptions of responsibility'' [2021] Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly 45-51

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- M Phua, 'Secondary obligations in substance' (2021) 137 Law Quarterly Review 45-50

- M Phua and M Chan, 'The distinctive status of international arbitration agreements in English private international law?' (2020) 36(3) Arbitration International 419-427

- M Phua, 'An ameliorative interpretation of Sulamérica?' [2020] Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly 203-210

- M Phua and S Lee, 'Supervision y Control v. Costa Rica: Developing the Pantechniki v. Albania Standard for 'Fork in the Road' Provisions in Investment Treaties (2019) 34(1) ICSID Review 203-223

- M Phua and S Lee, 'Why Allianz v West Tankers still applies under the Brussels Regulation (recast)' (2019) 10(4) Journal of International Dispute Settlement 520-541

- M Phua, 'Two complications in the law on the injunctive enforcement of arbitration agreements against non-parties' [2019] Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly 518-525

- M Phua, 'Resolving the difficulties of determining what law governs the validity of an arbitration agreement' (2017) 28(3) American Review of International Arbitration 332-364

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