

Gabriel Barton-Singer

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Gabriel is developing a practice across all of Chambers' main areas of expertise, including:

- Fraud
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Insurance
- Shipping

Gabriel has been instructed to advise on and appear in insurance, commercial and construction matters, and has appeared extensively in the County Courts. Recently, Gabriel was instructed in a multi-million pound Caribbean fraud matter. Gabriel has also recently aided in seeking a freezing injunction.

Gabriel's first two pupillage seats focused primarily on shipping, and involved the drafting of advices and pleadings on demurrage, deadfreight and laytime disputes. Gabriel also aided in drafting pleadings relating to several sanctions matters, and in a lengthy shipping arbitration raising relating to bareboat charters. Gabriel's third and fourth seats have brought a focus onto construction work, including drafting pleadings in Building Safety Act disputes, and advice on adjudication and delay disputes.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Gabriel took a first and then a masters in history at Trinity, Cambridge, where he was President of the Union, as well as being a member of the Footlights.

Fraud

Featured Fraud cases

Advised on the nature of the guarantees to be given by a party seeking a freezing injunction in respect of an investment fraud

Instructed in a large-scale unlawful means conspiracy fraud dispute based in the Caribbean

Assisted in drafting an application to discontinue an arbitration for non-payment of security for costs by a sanctioned Russian entity

Commercial Litigation

Featured Commercial Litigation cases

Advised on the construction of a first-refusal clause in a private equity investment dispute worth £12.5 million

Construction

Featured Construction cases

Assisted in respect of a multi-party dispute as to the use of building liability orders under the Building Safety Act

Advised on operation of payment notices under a JCT 2016

Assisted in respect of a multi-million claim arising from the mid-construction collapse of a care-home

Assisted in respect of a one-week Riyadh seated arbitration in respect of delay in the construction of a hotel

Insurance

Featured Insurance cases

Advised on applying to the FOS in respect of an insurer's decision that parties had failed to honour obligations of fair representation

Instructed as sole counsel in a dispute about the proper construction of a home insurance contract

Regularly instructed on behalf of insurers to defend them in claims for motor vehicle damage liability and credit hire damages

Shipping

Featured Shipping cases

Assisted with a two-week arbitration worth hundreds of millions of pounds involving questions of relief from forfeiture of two ferries which had been bareboat chartered. This matter also involved foreign law expert evidence

Advised on demurrage, laytime and deadfreight disputes

Awards

- Senior Scholarship, Trinity College, Cambridge
- Projects Fund prize-winner, Trinity College, Cambridge
- Hooper Declamation Prize, Trinity College, Cambridge
- Major Scholarship, Inner Temple
- Hughes-Parry Scholarship, Inner Temple
- Winner, Magna Carta Moot, Inner Temple
- Winner, Ecclesiastical Law Moot, Inner Temple

Memberships

- Young Fraud Lawyers Association

Education

- MA History (Cantab)
- MPhil Modern British History (Cantab)
- PGDL (BPP University)
- Bar Course (Inns of Court College of Advocacy)