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Laurence regularly acts in international arbitrations, the Commercial Court, the DIFC Court, the QICDRC and the Competition Appeal Tribunal. He has acted in disputes concerning alleged frauds arising from conduct in Azerbaijan, the Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Hungary, Israel, KSA, Lebanon, Qatar, Russia, Rwanda, the UAE and the UK.

Much of Laurence’s work relates to emerging technologies. His experience encompasses new satellite technology, food delivery apps, direct-to-consumer optical services, horticultural lighting, dark kitchens and spread betting. His wider energy and infrastructure experience has included natural gas shipping contracts, bitumen import/exports, carbon capture & store, regasification, sea-wall defences, and (allegedly) the world’s largest privately-owned fish-tank.

Many cases raise technical economic issues. Laurence graduated from the London School of Economics with the highest mark ever awarded for an undergraduate thesis.

Laurence’s particular focus on disputes in the Middle East is such that his work takes him to the region most months.

## Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

Laurence has particular expertise in obtaining and responding to applications for injunctive relief, in particular freezing orders, receivership orders, search orders, Norwich Pharmacal and Bankers Trust disclosure orders, and committal orders.

Many of his cases are conducted under foreign law. English law claims often include allegations of intentional misconduct (eg bribery, unlawful means conspiracy, dishonest assistance, inducing breach of contract).

Laurence frequently advises on jurisdictional and procedural matters, including challenges to privilege. He is also engaged to conduct depositions in support of foreign proceedings.

## Featured Commercial Litigation and Arbitration cases

- *N v N* (ARB 004/2024): Acting for successful respondents in a five-day contempt trial before the DIFC Court.
- *An LCIA Arbitration* (2023) A £140 million dispute between litigation funder and claimant arising from *R (PACCAR) v Competition Appeal Tribunal*.
- *Skatteforvaltningen v Solo Capital Partners LLP and others* [2023] UKSC 48 plus over twenty other reported decisions. Approximately £1.5 billion fraud dispute concerning Danish withholding tax. Acted for principal defendant at High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court level.
- *An LCIA Arbitration* (2023). Alleged conspiracy by borrower of £25 million loans to developer of various sites in Budapest, Hungary.
- *Bank Audi LLC v Al Fardan Investment Company LLC and others* [2022] QIC (F) 20. Investment scheme conducted by the Central Bank of Lebanon which the World Bank labelled as 'Ponzi Finance'.
- *An LCIA Arbitration* (2022). Shareholder dispute concerning ownership, control and operations of hotel in Rwanda.
- *A QICCA Arbitration* (2022). Enforceability of bond call.
- *Heidrick & Struggle (Middle East) Limited v Morcos* (CFI 003-2021). Enforceability of senior employee's restrictive covenants
- *Cesfin Ventures and another v Al Ghaith Holding Company PJSC* (ARB 017-2020). USD 80 million enforcement dispute in English High Court and DIFC arising from New York arbitral proceedings.
- *Al-Jassim v Socii Synergy Investments LLC and others* CFI 031/2019. Acting for Reed Smith LLP and company directors in DIFC claim concerning management of company during shareholder dispute.
- *Evans and another v PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP* [2019] EWHC 2350 (Ch). Professional negligence claim concerning 'round the world' tax avoidance scheme.
- *Menico Financial Services Limited v Philippou and another* (2018). Trial concerning various property assets and conduct in Greek-Cyprus. Per HHJ Parfitt "I agree with Mr Page that the Defendant's claim owes more to Pulp Fiction than to reality."

- *Stavrinides and others v Cyprus Popular Bank Public Co Ltd and another* [2018] EWHC 313 (Ch). Alleged conspiracy to defraud Cypriot bank.
- *Commercial Bank of Dubai PSC v Totoro LLC and others* CFI 047/2017. DIFC banking claim and associated actions against guarantors, and referral to the Joint Judicial Committee.
- Acting for Hong Kong trustees against a Greek bank in CHF20 million loan facility concerning an alleged event of default following without notice freezing injunction.
- *Dunley v Conran Holdings Limited* (2017). Acting for former finance director of the Conran Group concerning rights granted under share option agreement.

## Competition and Securities' Actions

Laurence's economics background is a particular asset in his competition and securities' action work. He graduated from the London School of Economics with the highest mark in the department's living memory for his undergraduate dissertation on regional real wage growth in Britain during the Industrial Revolution. He is the chapter author (with Bernadine Adkins) of "*The Law of Artificial Intelligence: Competition Law*" (2024, Thomson Reuters), and a committee member of the SCL's Competition and Tech Group.

### Featured Competition and Securities' Actions cases

- *TfL v various manufacturers of diesel vehicles*: acting for the claimant in fraudulent misrepresentations claim alleging that affected vehicles' emissions levels were ULEZ compliant.
- *Prof Stephan v Amazon*: acting for potential class representative in 'buy box' claim.
- *Boyle v Govia Thameslink Railway Limited and others*. Acting for Secretary of State as intervenor in claim against the train operating companies who run the Southern, Thameslink and Gatwick Express lines for abuse of dominant market position.
- *Road Haulage Association Limited and another v Traton SE and others* (Competition Appeals Tribunal) Acting (with David Scannell KC) for Used Trucks Sub-Class in follow-on damages claim brought by over 18,000 medium and heavy truck operators based in the United Kingdom for losses caused by infringements of competition law as determined in the settlement decision of the European Commission dated 19 July 2016 in case AT.39824 – Trucks.
- *Various v T.E. Scudder Limited* Acting for claimants in follow-on damages claim by developers for losses caused by bid rigging in the demolition and asbestos services market as determined in the settlement decision of the Competition and Markets Authority of 23 March 2023.
- Acting for claimants in significant CAT claim arising from Federal Trade Commission fines of a gaming company.

- *Various institutional investors v FTSE 250 company (2023)*. Acting (with Andrew Onslow KC) for claimants in section 90 and 90A FSMA claim against a listed gaming/gambling company.
- *Glencore plc (2023)*. Acting for sovereign wealth fund assessing potential section 90 FSMA claim with individual loss of over £100 million.
- *Hungerstation LLC (2022-3)*. Acting for Saudi Arabia's leading food delivery app in response to KSA competition authority investigation into alleged abuse of a dominant market position.
- *Various institutional investors v FTSE 250 company (2023)*. Acting for claimants in £160 million section 90 FSMA claim against a listed contracts-for-difference firm.
- *Steinhoff Investment Holdings NV (2021)*. Acting for sovereign wealth fund in claim arising from alleged accounting fraud and misleading statements to the market in South Africa and the Netherlands.
- *O3b Africa Limited v Interacting E Solutions DMCC*. Acting for claimant in £70 million dispute concerning supply of satellite mobile telephony and bandwidth services in northern Pakistan, and alleged usage by Taliban.

## Construction and Engineering

### Featured Construction and Engineering cases

- Acting (with [Lynne McCafferty KC](#)) for main contractor in arbitration concerning rebuilding of shipping infrastructure in Iraq.
- Acting (sole counsel) for main contractor in SCCA arbitration in steel subcontract dispute relating to a major KSA-company's headquarters.
- Acting for contractor in QAR 800 million QICCA arbitration (with [Sean Brannigan KC](#)).
- *Durham County Council v MGH Card LLP and others*. Acting for local authority in TCC litigation relating to the fire safety of Milburngate, a 450,000 sq ft development (with [Claire Packman KC](#)).
- *Global Aerospares Limited v Airst A/S*. Acting for claimant in dispute concerning the supply of aircraft parts over a seven-year period. The parties' contract contains an inchoate arbitration agreement and the respondent has refused to engage, such that an application is being issued to the High Court under s.18 of the Arbitration Act 1996.
- *Exyte Hargreaves Limited v NG Bailey Limited* [2023] EWHC 94 (TCC) acting for contractor in adjudication enforcement proceedings arising from 11 adjudications issued within a one-month period.

- *Willmott Dixon Holdings Limited v Imtech Aqua Building Services*. Acting for defendant in Part 8 claim concerning the right to adjudicate of an assignee.
- *An ICE Arbitration*. Acting for employer in dispute arising from the construction of a harbour wall and a promenade on the north coast of Wales.
- *An engineering (M&E issues) Expert Determination*. Acting for referring party arising from allegedly defective M&E works in a large care home/nursing home complex.
- *Axis M&E UK Ltd v Urbacon Trading & Contracting Limited*. Acting for main contractor in dispute arising from redevelopment of two embassies into a residence at Princes' Gate, London.
- *National Resources Body for Wales v HaskoningDHV UK Ltd*. Acting for claimant employer in dispute arising from defective construction of sea defences in Friog Corner, a Welsh valley.
- *BDB Design and Build Limited v Tubular Erectors Design & Build Ltd and others*. Acting for steel subcontractors (and principal defendant) in £16 million claim arising from collapse of five Audi garages.

## Energy

### Featured Energy cases

- *Three connected LCIA arbitrations (2023)*. Acting for oil trading company in dispute concerning the supply of allegedly defective liquified natural gas from Russia with a value of over 7 billion GBP.
- *UK Oil Pipelines Limited v (1) Fabricon (2) Eco-Drill (2022)*. Acting for second defendant in TCC claim concerning horizontal drilling of an oil pipe that caused significant damage to a marina owned by the Canal & River Trust.
- *Ad-hoc arbitration (2021)*. Acting for clean coal electricity producer in dispute concerning supply of raw materials.

## Appointments

- Part II of the DIFC Courts' Register of Legal Practitioners

## Awards



## Publications

- Contributor to the Competition Law chapter of 'The Law of Artificial Intelligence' (Sweet & Maxwell, 2nd edition 2024)

## Education

- London School of Economics, BSc
- King's College London, MA
- College of Law, LLB

## Recommendations

Laurence is recognised as a Tier 1 barrister in his specialisms by both Chambers UK and Legal 500. He is recognised as a leading junior in Commercial Dispute Resolution, Commercial Litigation (Middle East), Commercial Litigation, Fraud (Civil), Construction and Professional Negligence.

*"Laurence Page is easy to deal with. On our case he drafted the pleadings, did the advocacy and was charming with the tribunal."* **(Chambers- Dispute Resolution in the Middle East 2025)**

*"Laurence Page's practice is largely focused on the Middle East. He is very good on his feet, and although he is not a silk yet, I would not hesitate to instruct him for advocacy."* **(Chambers- Dispute Resolution in the Middle East 2025)**

*"Laurence is loved by clients. He has a great sense of humour and is just an excellent advocate and person to have on the team."* **(Chambers- Dispute Resolution in the Middle East 2025)**

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*"Laurence is commercially minded and is someone who instructing solicitors are comfortable introducing to clients. He is a go-to junior for the jurisdiction."* **(Legal 500 – Commercial Middle East, 2025)**

*"Laurence is extremely affable and clients love him. He is also extremely intelligent with a very strategic mind."* **(Legal 500 – Commercial Litigation)**

*"He is very commercial and strategic"* **(Legal 500 – Fraud: Civil)**

*"Laurence has a phenomenal work rate with an unparalleled ability to turn complexity into simplicity at speed. He gives a level of assurance beyond his years and is also great fun to work with. A real one-to-watch who is destined for big things at the Bar."* **(Legal 500 – Construction)**

*"A super advocate and a great team player."* **(Chambers – Commercial Dispute Resolution)**

*"Laurence Page is very creative and looks for a solution where often others will look for a problem. He is a great sounding board and is always willing to kick things around."* **(Chambers – Commercial Dispute Resolution)**

*"Laurence provides fast turnaround times and is very commercial."* **(Chambers – Commercial Dispute Resolution)**

*"Laurence is approachable and responsive."* **(Legal 500 – Professional Negligence)**

*"He has very good attention to detail and he's very good with clients."* **(Chambers – Commercial Dispute Resolution)**



*“Laurence is disarmingly relaxed but totally on it and really sharp. He has a good manner in court and gets judges on side.” (Chambers – Commercial Dispute Resolution)*

*“He is very competent and engages really well with client teams and instructing lawyers. He provides great legal and commercially savvy support when acting as junior counsel and comes up with clear and concise solutions to issues.” (Chambers – Dispute Resolution (Middle East))*

*“Extremely commercially astute. He grasps the technical points very quickly, as well as the legal points.” (Legal 500 – construction)*

*“Very responsive, highly intelligent and great fun to work with. A legal polymath who seems to have an expert grip on many different areas of law.” (Legal 500 – Commercial Litigation)*

*“Knowledgeable, self-motivated, with excellent client relationship skills; a very good all-round senior junior in commercial and fraud matters.” (Legal 500 – civil fraud)*

*“Very pro-active, user-friendly, understands the legal framework in the UAE and the interplay between onshore and offshore regimes. He is very friendly and willing to attend preliminary meetings or provide preliminary advice, which is often well received by clients.” (Legal 500 – Middle East)*

*“Laurence is diligent, intelligent and I like that he gets on with things. He has excellent judgement and is very easy to work with.” (Chambers – Dispute Resolution (Middle East))*

*“Laurence is always available to assist on very urgent matters; he is available 24/7.” (Chambers Global – Commercial Dispute Resolution)*

*“His advocacy is incredible; he is pragmatic and he is thoughtful.” (Chambers Global – Commercial Dispute Resolution)*

*“Very hard-working, he is wonderful both with clients and solicitors. He takes responsibility and consistently delivers.” (Chambers Global)*

*“Laurence Page is a well-known London-based barrister who has a strong DIFC practice. He is regularly instructed on matters concerning allegations of white-collar fraud, and often assists with cases involving freezing injunctions and search orders.” (Chambers Global – Dispute Resolution (Middle East))*

*“Charismatic, commercially astute, very good with clients and solicitors, and extremely hard working.” (Legal 500)*

*“Very easy-going and calm, and has a good court presence. He is a pleasure to work alongside.” (Legal 500)*

*“Has an in depth grasp of the commercial realities, pressures and drivers that means he talks his client’s language and understands their needs in a way that is rare amongst the Bar.” (Legal 500)*

*“Bright, practical and invaluable on significant issues – he will become one of the DIFC regular go-to counsel in the next few years.” (Legal 500, EMEA)*

*“A good advocate who knows his cases inside out, works hard and is immensely likeable.” (Chambers UK)*

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*“He is very determined and thorough.” (**Legal 500**)*

*“An intelligent lawyer with a good grasp of the legal principles and how they are applied.” (**Legal 500**)*