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Practice:

Stefan undertakes litigation and advisory work in the following areas of practice:

Commercial

- Conflict of Laws
- Contractual Disputes
- Sale and supply of goods and services
- Bank recovery work
- Agency matters
- Enforcement of Guarantees
- Partnership disputes
- Consumer credit
- Mortgage Possession Actions
- Financial Services disputes

Insolvency & Company

- Corporate Insolvency: winding-up petitions, administration applications, provisional liquidator applications, transaction avoidance;
- Personal Insolvency: set aside statutory demands, bankruptcy petitions, IVAs, possession and sale / charging orders, transaction avoidance;
- EC Insolvency Regulation / UNCITRAL Model Law on Insolvency Proceedings;
- All manner of company disputes

Reported cases:

In the matter of Martin Ruiz; *Mekarska v (1) Ruiz (2) Patrick Michael Boyden* (as the trustee in bankruptcy of Martin Ruiz) [2011] EWHC 913 (Fam). Annulment application and ancillary relief appeal with a challenge to the trustee in bankruptcy's entitlement to costs.

In the matter of Alitalia Linee Aeree Italiane SPA; *(1) Ross David Connock (2) Patrick Michael Boyden (joint liquidators in England and Wales of Alitalia) v AVV Augusto Fantozzi* (administrator in Italy of Alitalia) [2011] EWHC 15 (Ch) [2011] 1 BCLC 606. Cross-border insolvency and the interaction between main proceedings and secondary proceedings under the EC Regulation on Insolvency proceedings regarding the ranking of creditor claim and the duty imposed on officeholders to cooperate.

Shaw v Lighthouseexpress Ltd [2010] EWCA Civ 161. Financial services dispute involving the construction of a contract between an independent financial adviser and a network of independent financial advisers.

Re Rivkin; Warner v Verfides (a firm) [2008] EWHC (Ch) 2609; Times, November 6 2008 (John Martin QC) – Whether a Swiss attorney enjoyed convention rights in documents sought to be produced on the application of an Australian office-holder against a third party.

Turner v Avis and Avis [2008] BPIR 1143 (HHJ Pelling QC) – Whether the existence of a pre-bankruptcy order of the divorce court postponing sale was an exceptional circumstance for the purposes of section



335A(3) of the Insolvency Act 1986. Whether the non-bankrupt spouse was able to rely on the Rule in Ex Parte James in such circumstances

French v Barcham & Anor [2008] EWHC 1505 (Ch) – Equitable accounting in a bankruptcy context after *Stack v Dowden*)

Pannell v The Official Receiver [2008] EWHC 736 (Ch) [2008] BPIR 629 – Whether the Enterprise Act 2002 “use it or lose it” provisions apply to a bankruptcy under the Bankruptcy Act 1914)

Avis v Turner [2007] EWCA Civ 748; The Times, August 22 2007 – Whether a trustee in bankruptcy was prevented from applying for possession and sale of the matrimonial home prior to the happening of any of the events stipulated in a pre-bankruptcy order of the divorce court postponing sale)

Hill (as trustee in bankruptcy of Nurkowski) v Spread Trustee Company Ltd [2006] EWCA Civ 542, (2007) 1 All ER 1106, (2006) BCC 646, (2007) 1 BCLC 450, Times, July 10, 2006, [2006] BPIR 789.

Education:

Baccalauréat, Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle, London
LLB, UWE, Bristol (First)
LLM, Queens' College, Cantab.
Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law, London

Pupillage:

October 2004 – October 2005
Commercial and Insolvency pupillage at Guildhall Chambers, (pupil supervisor: Nicholas Briggs).

Appointments:

British Fencing Disciplinary Panel
Attorney General's Regional Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown

Professional career:

Lombard Odier Darier Hentsch (private bankers, Geneva, Switzerland).
Swiss Bank Corporation (Frankfurt, Germany).
Ropes & Gray LLP (Boston, USA).
Armand Boedels et Associés (Paris, France).
Lovells (London, England).
White & Case International Trade (Geneva, Switzerland).
Tenant at Guildhall Chambers (October 2005)

Professional memberships:

The Chancery Bar Association
INSOL EUROPE
Western Chancery & Commercial Bar Association

Awards:

Major Scholarship (Inner Temple)
Duke of Edinburgh Award (Inner Temple)

Publications:

Contributor to Gore-Browne on Companies (looseleaf)

Seminars:

Stefan speaks at seminars and in-house training sessions on both commercial and insolvency matters.



Further information:

Stefan is fluent in French (he is bilingual French/English). Stefan is also proficient in German.

Directory recommendations:

Chambers UK 2011

Insolvency

Stefan Ramel continues to receive widespread acclaim as a "star of the future." Sources admire his "*quick, analytical mind*" and agree that his level of knowledge is "far beyond his year of call."

Commercial

Stefan Ramel is "*a rising junior and one to watch for the future.*" He attracts considerable praise for his insolvency expertise and is considered to be "*commercial and client-focused.*"

Chambers UK 2010

Commercial

Stefan Ramel is an "extremely astute but relaxed individual" who excels in technical contractual disputes. He has recently handled some cross-border insolvency work. One source describes him as "*very cerebral and analytical – an extremely effective opponent.*"

Insolvency

Stefan Ramel is "clearly someone who will rise to the top of his profession in the fullness of time." He has a diverse and in-depth insolvency law expertise, and proves "*extremely bright and very clear in his advice.*" Commentators note that he displays "*a quietly confident style that proves an asset on cases involving fraught parties.*" He has been at the centre of a number of reported cases recently and, being bilingual French/English and also speaking German, he attracts an increasing amount of significant cross-border insolvency work.

Chambers UK 2009

Commercial

Stefan Ramel is described as a "*thorough, diligent and promising young barrister.*"

Insolvency

Stefan Ramel enters the ranks this year with interviewees describing him as a "*rising junior who impresses with his enthusiasm and excellent courtroom skills.*" He is able to develop legal arguments in a way similar to Stephen Davies QC," reported one client. "*His outstanding intellect sets him apart from others of his age*" and his multilingual abilities have led to an increase in his cross-jurisdictional insolvency workload, including advising on the recovery of assets abroad. Davies led him in the high-profile *Avis v Turner* litigation: this has become an important case with regard to the interaction between matrimonial law and insolvency law.

Legal 500 2010

Commercial/Insolvency

Stefan Ramel '*very bright and able, and growing in confidence and stature*' are all well regarded.

Interests:

Sports (fencing, football, swimming)

Reading

Music

Clerk:

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For commercial please contact Dan Cuthbertson (dan.cuthbertson@guildhallchambers.co.uk)

CFA

Yes in appropriate cases