

# CHRISTOPHER HARE

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Christopher Hare has experience of advising and representing clients in **banking**, corporate & **insolvency** disputes at all levels of jurisdiction.

Including The House of Lords (***Phillips (Liquidator of AJ Bekhor & Co) v Brewin Dolphin Bell Lawrie Ltd [2001] 1 WLR 143***) & the New Zealand Supreme Court (***Nathan v Dollars & Sense Ltd [2008] 2 NZLR 557***).

He often undertakes drafting and advisory work in multimillion-pound cases, including those with an international element, and has written extensively in the banking and corporate law fields.

Christopher is currently a Tutorial Fellow of Somerville College, Oxford & the Travers Smith Associate Professor of Corporate and Commercial Law at the University of Oxford.

He also has publications to his name including: Ellinger, EP, Lomnicka E & Hare, CVM, *Ellinger's Modern Banking Law* (5 ed, OUP, 2011); Hare, CVM, R Cranston, E Avgouleas, K Van Zwieten & T Van Sante, *Principles of Banking Law* (3 ed, OUP, 2017); and contributes chapters on syndicated lending and tiers of lending in *Paget's Banking Law* (LexisNexis, 15 ed, 2018).

He has also written articles and chapters on the legal issues arising out of the mis-selling of financial products, trade finance transactions and the advent of cryptocurrencies and crypto assets.

He has taught undergraduate & postgraduate students in Oxford, Cambridge, Auckland and Singapore for papers on Banking Law, International Banking Law, Financial Law, Trade Finance Law, Wealth Management Law and Corporate Finance Law. As part of his academic work, Christopher teaches in the areas of Contract Law, Trusts Law, Tort Law and Commercial Law.

## Expertise

### Banking, Financial & Consumer Credit Law

As well as being editor and contributor to the three leading banking law texts, Christopher has provided

advice and represented banks and their customers/clients across the full spectrum of banking and Financial law disputes, including retail banking disputes, wholesale banking and capital market disputes.

### Featured Banking, Financial & Consumer Credit Law cases

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Advising a number of international banks on the consumer credit and mortgage regulation implications of their lending activity in the UK market.

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Advising large domestic banks on the recovery of mistaken payments made from customers' accounts and the defences available.

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Advising a large domestic bank on liability for and defences to, a claim based upon the conversion of cheques and advising a New Zealand bank on claims for conversion of a number of cheques.

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Obtaining domestic and international freezing injunctions over funds dissipated from bank accounts.

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### **Nathan v Dollars & Sense Ltd [2007] 2 NZLR 747; [2008] 2 NZLR 557**

Representing a number of large domestic and international banks in relation to mortgage repossession claims, including advising and appearing in the New Zealand Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

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Advising and representing lenders and borrowers in relation to the enforcement of loan agreements, including advising on limitation and consumer-credit aspects of such claims.

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Advising a client regarding mis-selling liability in relation to foreign-currency exchange transactions.

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Advising multi million-pound estate about potential claims against major lenders arising out of renegotiation of lending arrangements to the company.

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### **Commerce Commission v Avanti Finance Ltd [2009] NZBLC 102,662**

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Advising the New Zealand Commerce Commission on the operation and application of the consumer credit legislation.

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Advising an international bank about its liability and potential defences under a number of documentary letter of credit transactions.

## Corporate Law

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As well as his academic writing in the corporate law area, Christopher has provided advice across a range of corporate law matters, with particular emphasis on director's duties, their enforcement through unfair prejudice and derivative actions and disqualification proceedings.

Christopher is the convenor of the Company Law group at the University of Oxford and teaches undergraduates and postgraduates on the Company Law and Corporate Finance Law courses.

### Featured Corporate Law cases

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Advising a deceased shareholder's multi million-pound estate with respect to the operation of share transfer provisions in the company's constitution.

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Advising directors with respect to the recovery of funds by the company in the directors' loan account.

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Advising and representing clients in relation to applications for reinstatement of companies to the register.

## Jurisdiction, Choice of Law & Conflict of Laws

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Christopher has advised and represented clients in relation to a number of jurisdictional and choice of law matters.

In addition, Christopher has written on issues relating to *forum non conveniens* and the choice of law issues relating to banking & trade finance transactions.

### Featured Jurisdiction, Choice of Law & Conflict of Laws cases

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Advising and representing client in relation to dispute concerning the operation of the contractual

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provisions of the Brussels Regulation.

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Advising and representing client in relation to jurisdictional issues arising out of proceedings commenced against it in New York.

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Advising an international bank on jurisdictional and choice of law issues arising out of the operations of its branch in England and Wales.

## Commercial Dispute Resolution

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Christopher has advised and represented clients in a broad range of general commercial disputes.

### Featured Commercial Dispute Resolution cases

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Advising and representing a local authority for breach of agreement for lease relating to a multimillion-pound agricultural facility.

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Representing a national telecommunications company in dispute over telecommunications contracts.

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Advising and representing an English university with respect to recovery of its tuition fees.

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Advising and representing a regional firm in dispute over performance of a construction contract.

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Advising and representing a client in relation to enforcement action taken against a farm and its animals.

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Advising a national insurance company in relation to its liability under insurance policy for litigation concerning enforcement of easements and a boundary dispute.

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Advising and representing clients with respect to the recovery of credit-hire charges.

## Education

- New Zealand Legal Research Foundation Fellowship (2011)
- Senior Lecturer, University of Auckland (2005-2012)
- Fellow, Jesus College, Cambridge (2000-2005)
- Pupil & Tenant, 3 Verulam Buildings, Gray's Inn (1998-2000)
- BCL, Brasenose College, Oxford (1998)
- LLM, Harvard Law School (1997)
- Fulbright Scholar (1997)
- BUNAC Scholar (1997)
- Inns of Court School of Law, Gray's Inn (1996)
- Sir Thomas More Scholar (1996)
- Hardwicke Scholar (1996)
- Holland Travelling Studentship (1995)
- Whittaker Scholar (1995)
- Senior Scholar, Trinity College, Cambridge (1995)
- Rebecca Flower Squire Scholar (1993)
- MA, Trinity College, Cambridge (1991-1995)

## Appointments

- Associate Dean, Law Faculty, University of Oxford (2018-Present)
- Travers Smith Associate Professor of Corporate & Commercial Law, University of Oxford (2012-Present)
- Tutorial Fellow, Somerville College, Oxford (2012-Present)

## Memberships

- Visiting Professor, Columbia Law School, New York (2017, 2021)
- Visiting Professor, Centre for Maritime Law, National University of Singapore (2017, 2018)
- Visiting Professor, Centre for Banking & Financial Law, National University of Singapore (2013, 2014, 2015, 2019)
- Visiting Professor, University of Auckland, New Zealand (2019, 2020)