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CALL: 2009

"Simon conducts himself with a quiet confidence and his reassuring manner is very helpful in dealing with clients. Always responsive, very practical and extremely knowledgeable on the law."

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Simon is a specialist insolvency barrister who undertakes litigation and advisory work in all aspects of corporate and personal insolvency law. He has been consistently recognised as a leading junior in this field by Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 and has appeared in more than 40 reported insolvency cases. He is regularly instructed to act in high value and complex insolvency litigation and against leading counsel.

Simon is a member of the Attorney General's Regional A Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown and regularly acts for the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Official Receiver in directors' disqualification cases.

In December 2020, Simon was appointed as a Deputy Insolvency and Companies Court Judge.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Insolvency
- Company Directors Disqualification

INSOLVENCY

In the last year, Simon has:

- Acted for Pure Gym Limited (leading Samuel Parsons) in relation to restructuring plans proposed by Virgin Active under Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006;
- Acted for the joint liquidators of Hudspiths Limited (an unregulated forex trader suspected of operating a Ponzi scheme with unsecured creditors in excess of £60m) in obtaining freezing injunctions and pursuing a multi-million pound misfeasance claim against its former directors;
- Acted for the joint liquidators of Overfinch Bespoke Vehicles Limited (a company which customised Land Rover and Range Rover cars which entered into administration in 2010) in pursuing multi-million pound misfeasance claims against the former administrators of the company;
- Acted for the joint liquidators of Ethos Solutions Limited (an umbrella company which operated a tax avoidance scheme involving the use of an offshore trust) in pursuing a multi-million pound claim against 63 respondents pursuant to s.423 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- Acted for the Law Society in obtaining the appointment of provisional liquidators over two companies (Kash1 and Kash2 Ltd) used as vehicles for the diversion of approximately £11 of client monies from Kingly Solicitors Ltd. He subsequently acted for the provisional liquidators in obtaining freezing injunctions and administration orders against other connected companies involved in the diversion of monies;
- Acted for the joint liquidators of Premier FX Limited (an FCA-regulated entity which collapsed in 2018 leaving 121 creditors with claims in excess of £6m) in seeking Berkeley Applegate relief;
- Acted for the joint liquidators of a company pursuing claims against 40 recipients of post-petition payments totalling more than £1m (Re Posh Foods Ltd);
- Advised the joint administrators of a company with liabilities in excess of £10m in relation to a proposed Scheme of Arrangement pursuant to Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006;
- Assisted in the drafting of the Insolvency Practice Direction relating to the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020.

His practice encompasses all aspects of corporate and personal insolvency law.

In addition, Simon has a broad experience of company law and general commercial matters arising in an insolvency context, including contractual and corporate disputes, agency matters and guarantees.

In December 2020, Simon was appointed as a Deputy Insolvency and Companies Court Judge.

Significant Cases

- **Re Premier FX Limited [2021] EWHC 1321 (Ch)** -Successfully acting for liquidators in resisting trust claim. Led by Hugh Sims QC.
- **Jackson v Ayles & Pumphrey [2021] EWHC 995 (Ch); [2021] BPIR 816**- Successfully acting for trustee in bankruptcy in obtaining a declaration that a first charge secured over the bankrupt's matrimonial home was unenforceable pursuant to s.26 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
- **Re Virgin Active Holdings Ltd [2021] EWHC 814 (Ch) & [2021] EWHC 911 (Ch)**- Acting for Pure Gym Limited (leading Samuel Parsons) in raising concerns about the drafting of restructuring plans proposed by companies in the Virgin Active Group under Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006. In light of the concerns, the companies agreed to amend the plans and to pay Pure Gym's costs.
- **Hall (Liquidator of Ethos Solutions Ltd) v Nassim [2021] EWHC 142 (Ch); [2021] BPIR 550**- The court struck out parts of a claim by a liquidator seeking to challenge payments made by a company to the respondents via a business benefit trust pursuant to s.423 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Led by Hugh Sims QC.
- **Faryab v Thrings LLP [2020] EWHC 3786 (Ch)** - The court struck out a £25m claim issued by a bankrupt against the petitioning creditor as an abuse of process.
- **Oyesanya v Jackson [2020] EWHC 542 (Ch)**- Successfully resisting appeal against possession and sale order made in respect of bankrupt's solely owned property.
- **Re Skeggs Beef Limited [2019] EWHC 2607 (Ch); [2020] BCC 635**-The court declared that an out-of-hours appointment of administrators by a qualifying floating charge holder was valid notwithstanding that the appointer used CE filing rather than the procedure under r.3.20 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016.
- **Absolute Living Developments Ltd (in Liquidation) v DS7 Ltd & Ors [2019] EWHC 550 (Ch)** -The court retrospectively dispensed with service of a claim form and other documents on a British citizen resident in Switzerland where her lawyer had refused to accept service on the basis that some of the documents had not been translated into French.
- **Officeserve Technologies Ltd & Anor v Annabel's (Berkeley Square) Ltd & Ors [2018] EWHC 2168 (Ch); [2019] Ch 103** Successful claim to recover void payments made by the applicant company to the 43 respondents after the presentation of the winding up petition.
- **Absolute Living Developments Ltd (in Liquidation) v DS7 Ltd & Ors (No 2) [2018] EWHC 1717 (Ch)** Acted successfully for the claimant company in respect of its committal application against a defendant who was found to have committed multiple breaches of a freezing order and was sentenced to a £100,000 fine. Led by Hugh Sims QC.
- **Absolute Living Developments Ltd (in Liquidation) v DS7 Ltd & Ors (No 1) [2018] EWHC 1432 (Ch)** -Acted successfully for the claimant company in resisting the defendants' application for security for costs on the grounds that it would stifle a genuine claim in circumstances where the claimant was in compulsory liquidation, there were no available assets in its estate and the liquidator was not prepared personally to provide security for the defendants' costs of the claim. Led by Hugh Sims QC.

- **Re Baltic House Developments Ltd** [2018] EWHC 1525 (Ch); [2018] Bus LR 1531 -Acted successfully for a group of investors in resisting the Company's application for an administration order and obtaining an immediate winding up order in circumstances where the purpose in para.3(1)(c) Sch.B1 could not be achieved without unnecessarily harming the interests of the creditors as a whole.
- **Stevensdrake Ltd v Hunt** [2017] EWCA Civ 1173; [2017] BCC 611; [2017] BPIR 1408; [2017] 4 Costs LR 781 -Solicitors acting under a CFA were estopped by convention from claiming payment from the liquidator personally where a misfeasance claim had been successful but there were no recoveries into the estate. Led by Hugh Sims QC.
- **Officeserve Technologies Ltd v Anthony-Mike** [2017] EWHC 1920 (Ch); [2017] BCC 574; [2017] BPIR 1291 -Acted successfully for a liquidator in establishing that a post-petition settlement agreement did not purport to compromise a misfeasance claim against a director, that any such compromise would have been void pursuant to s.127 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and that there was no basis for making a validation order.
- **Bhandal v Wallace (Joint Special Liquidator of Irish Bank Resolution Corp Ltd** [2017] 5 WLUK 321- a debtor applied to set aside a statutory demand based on a costs order in the sum of £83,000 obtained against him by the joint special liquidators of an Irish bank in circumstances where he had a judgment against the bank in the sum of £113m.
- **Armstrong v Onyearu** [2017] EWCA Civ 268; [2018] Ch 137 [2017] 3 WLR 1304; [2017] BPIR 869;Times, 9 June 2017; [2017] WLR(D) 271 - Appeal considering the application of the doctrine of equity of exoneration where a non-bankrupt spouse received an indirect benefit from a business loan taken out by her husband and secured on their home.
- **Re-Energized Ltd v EDF Energy Plc** [2017] EWHC 1424 (Ch) - Successfully resisted an application to restrain the advertisement of a winding up petition.
- **Re Officeserve Technologies Ltd** [2017] EWHC 906 (Ch); [2017] BCC 363 -Acted successfully for creditors in resisting a company's administration application where there had been considerable post-petition dispositions.
- **Pettit v Bradford Bulls (Northern) Limited** [2016] EWHC 3557 (Ch); [2017] BCC 50; [2017] 2 BCLC 519 - Where there were concerns about the validity of an out-of-court administration appointment, the court terminated that appointment (insofar as valid) with retrospective effect and made a retrospective administration order.
- **Horton v Henry** [2016] EWCA Civ 989; [2017] 1 WLR 391; [2017] 3 All ER 735; [2016] BPIR 1426; [2016] Pens LR 311; Times, 18 January 2017, [2016] WLR (D) 506; [2016] All ER (D) 50 (Oct) - Landmark appeal concerning whether a bankrupt can be compelled to elect to draw down or crystallise his pension in order to enable the income to be claimed for his estate by way of income payments order. Led by Stephen Davies QC.
- **Wood v Lowe** [2016] EWHC 2052 (Ch) - Application by IVA supervisor for payment by a trustee in bankruptcy of his costs of disclosure orders.
- **Re Rococo Developments Ltd; Evans v Jones** [2016] EWCA Civ 660; [2017] Ch 1; [2016] 3 WLR 1480; [2017] 1 BCLC 184; [2016] BPIR 1207; [2016] All ER (D) 36 (Jul) - Whether a company's claim for repayment of an unlawful dividend should be included in the assessment of balance sheet solvency for the purposes of a preference claim. Led by Hugh Sims QC.
- **Stevensdrake Ltd v Hunt** [2016] EWHC 1111 (Ch); [2016] All ER (D) 102 (May)- Claim by solicitors that they were entitled to all of the proceeds of a recovery into an insolvent estate notwithstanding that the monies were divided between the liquidator, solicitors and counsel. Led by Hugh Sims QC.
- **Wood v Lowe** [2016] EWHC 1010 (Ch)- Application for possession and sale of two properties of which the bankrupt's daughter claimed to be the sole beneficial owner.
- **Stevensdrake Ltd v Hunt** [2016] EWHC 342 (Ch);[2016] BCC 515;[2017] 1 BCLC 64; [2016] 2 Costs LO 187; [2016] BPIR 773; [2016] All ER (D) 258 (Feb) - Successfully defending an Insolvency Practitioner in a claim brought against him personally by his former solicitors for payment of approximately £1m owed to them under a CFA where a misfeasance claim had been successful but there were no recoveries into the estate. Led by Hugh Sims QC.
- **Walker & Anor v National Westminster Bank Plc & Anor** [2016] EWHC 315 (Ch); [2016] BCC 355; [2017] 1 BCLC 124; [2016] All ER (D) 268 (Feb)- Claim by former administrators of a dissolved company for direct payment of redress for mis-sold IRHP.
- **Re Premier Motor Auctions Leeds Limited** [2015] EWHC 3568 (Ch); [2016] BCC 463; [2015] All ER (D) 126 (Dec)- Application by liquidators for approval and authorisation of litigation expenses pursuant to r 4.218E of the Insolvency Rules 1986.
- **Re Armstrong Brands Limited** [2015] EWHC 3303 (Ch); [2016] BCC 657; [2015] All ER (D) 172 (Nov)- Application to determine the validity of the appointment of administrators pursuant to paragraph 14 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986.
- **Re Overfinch Bespoke Vehicles Limited; Autobrokers Ltd v Dymond** [2015] EWHC 2691 (Admin); [2017] BCC 291 - Acting successfully for the majority creditors of a company in creditors' voluntary liquidation in respect of an application for an order directing the liquidators to call a meeting to consider a resolution for their removal.
- **Wood v Lowe** [2015] EWHC 2634 (Ch); [2015] BPIR 1537;[2015] All ER (D) 133 (Sep)- Trial to determine the ownership of various chattels (including collections of Beatles memorabilia and jukeboxes) discovered at the home of a bankrupt following the execution of a warrant pursuant to s 365 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- **Armstrong v Onyearu** [2015] EWHC 1937 (Ch) - Appeal considering the application of the doctrine of equity of exoneration where a non-bankrupt spouse received an indirect benefit from a business loan taken out by her husband and secured on their home.
- **Horton v Henry** [2014] EWHC 4209 (Ch); [2015] 1 WLR 2488; [2015] BPIR 313; [2015] Pens LR 59- Landmark case considering whether the court can make an income payments order where the bankrupt has an unexercised entitlement to elect to draw a pension. The High Court declined to follow its earlier decision in *Raithatha v Williamson*[2012] EWHC 909 (Ch).

- **Van Heeren v Cooper** [2014] EWHC 4797 (Ch); [2015] BPIR 953 - Appeal against the setting aside of a statutory demand based on New Zealand costs orders considering whether s 29(5) of the Limitation Act 1980 applied to an action on a judgment.
- **Re X (Application for Income Payments Order)** [2014] BPIR 1081 - The court considered the scope of the decision in *Raithatha v Williamson* and whether a bankrupt should be compelled to elect to draw down a lump sum pension option to generate the short term surplus income needed to support an income payments order in circumstances where this would not be in long term interests of bankrupt.
- **Re Stephen Leonard Hinchliffe** [2014] 2 WLUK 699- Acted successfully for a trustee in bankruptcy in obtaining a suspended committal order against a bankrupt who failed to disclose the receipt of a lump sum payment of approximately £30,000 from a pension fund, which was paid into an undisclosed bank account (which had been opened post-bankruptcy) and then dissipated. Norris J confirmed that it is not necessary for a trustee to obtain the permission of the court to make a committal application on the basis of the bankrupt's failure to comply with his obligations under s 333 IA.
- **LSI 2013 Ltd v The Solar Panel Company (UK) Ltd** [2014] EWHC 248 (Ch); [2014] All ER (D) 153 (Feb) Where a company contended that a debt on which a winding-up petition was based was genuinely disputed on substantial grounds, a judge had been wrong to make a winding-up order on the basis that the petitioning creditor could properly be regarded as a contingent creditor.
- **Hinchliffe v Smith & Ors** [2013] 10 WLUK 824- Acted successfully for a trustee in bankruptcy in resisting an application by a bankrupt to vary a pre-bankruptcy freezing order to allow for the release of pension funds where the bankrupt had previously failed to disclose the receipt and dissipation of a lump sum payment from another pension fund.
- **Amer Sports (UK) Ltd v Reynard** [2013] 5 WLUK 409- Acted successfully at first instance and on appeal to the High Court (HHJ McCahill QC) and the Court of Appeal for a petitioning creditor who had obtained a bankruptcy order having reasonably refused an offer to secure a debt of approximately £10,000 by a charge on the debtor's property, despite there being available equity in excess of £1m.
- **JGD Construction Limited v Aaron Mills** [2013] EWHC 572 (Ch) [2013] BPIR 811- The primacy of a formal insolvency process took precedence over any application to make final an interim third party debt order once insolvency had started. It could not be said that there was no discretion to make the order final, but there would have to be highly exceptional circumstances.
- **Re McNally; McNally v (1) Dymond (2) National Westminster Bank plc** [2013] EWHC 1685 (Ch); [2013] BPIR 604- Acted successfully at first instance for the chairman of an IVA creditors' meeting who had allowed the respondent bank which was owed £3.4m by the debtor to value its security at £350,000 and vote in respect of the remaining £2.9m to defeat the IVA. That decision was upheld on appeal (at which the chairman was not represented and did not attend).
- **Pace Europe Ltd and Others v Dunham and Another** [2012] EWHC 852 (Ch); [2012] BPIR 836; [2012] All ER (D) 247 (Mar) Successfully appealing decision to set aside statutory demand based on the judgment of the North Carolina Superior Court on the grounds that it infringed s 5 of the Protection of Trading Interest Act 1980 and was obtained in breach of the rules of natural justice in which HHJ Purl QC approved the obiter comments of Mann J in *Lucasfilm Ltd v Ainsworth* [2008] EWHC 1878 (Ch) and rejected the criticism of that decision in *Briggs & Rees and Dacey, Morris & Collins*.

COMPANY DIRECTORS DISQUALIFICATION

Over the past few years, Simon has developed a substantial CDDA practice. Since 2015, he has been a member of the Attorney General's Regional Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown and regularly acts for the Secretary of State and the Official Receiver in pursuing claims under both s.6 and s.8 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. In 2020, Simon appeared for the Claimant in two significant reported CDDA cases in the High Court.

In addition, Simon is instructed by company directors to assist with defending disqualification claims and making applications for under s.17 CDDA. In 2020, he successfully acted for the former directors of Freshway Wholesale Foods Limited (who had been disqualified for periods of 6.5 and 5.5 years respectively) in obtaining interim and final permission to act as directors of four companies.

Significant Cases

- **Re Bell Pottinger Private Ltd** [2021] EWHC 672 (Ch); [2021] Bus LR 776; [2021] BCC 675; [2021] 2 BCLC 301 The court dismissed an application by the former members of an LLP to strike out claims against them pursuant to s.6 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986.
 - **Re Focus 15 Limited; Official Receiver v Duckett** [2020] EWHC 3016 (Ch); [2021] 2 BCLC 326 - The court made a 10 year disqualification order against a *de facto* director of a company who failed to ensure that it maintained adequate accounting records and lied egregiously on oath.
 - **Re Spiceroy Restaurant Limited; Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy v Luthfur Rahman** [2020] EWHC 2213 (Ch) - The court dismissed a disqualification claim against an alleged *de facto* director of a company which had employed illegal workers
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RECENT CASES

- Jackson v Ayles & Pumphrey [2021] EWHC 995 (Ch)
 - Re Virgin Active Holdings Ltd [2021] EWHC 814 (Ch)
 - Re Bell Pottinger Private Ltd [2021] EWHC 672 (Ch)
 - Hall (Liquidator of Ethos Solutions Ltd) v Nassim [2021] EWHC 142 (Ch)
 - Re Focus 15 Limited; Official Receiver v Duckett [2020] EWHC 3016 (Ch)
 - Re Spiceroy Restaurant Limited; Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy v Luthfur Rahman [2020] EWHC 2213 (Ch)
 - Oyesanya v Jackson [2020] EWHC 542 (Ch)
 - Re Skeggs Beef Limited [2019] EWHC 2607 (Ch); [2020] BCC 43
 - Absolute Living Developments Ltd (in Liquidation) v DS7 Ltd & Ors [2019] EWHC 550 (Ch)
 - Stevensdrake Limited v Hunt [2017] EWCA Civ 1173, [2017] 4 Costs LR 781, [2017] BCC 611
 - Officeserve Technologies Ltd & Anor v Annabel's (Berkeley Square) Ltd & Ors [2018] EWHC 2168 (Ch); [2019] Ch 103
 - Absolute Living Developments Ltd (in Liquidation) v DS7 Ltd & Ors (No 2) [2018] EWHC 1717 (Ch)
 - Absolute Living Developments Ltd (in Liquidation) v DS7 Ltd & Ors (No 1) [2018] EWHC 1432 (Ch)
 - Re Baltic House Developments Ltd [2018] EWHC 1525 (Ch); [2018] Bus LR 1531
 - Officeserve Technologies Ltd [2017] EWHC 906 (Ch); [2017] BCC 363
 - Officeserve Technologies Ltd v Anthony-Mike [2017] EWHC 1920 (Ch); [2017] BCC 574
 - Armstrong v Onyearu [2017] EWCA Civ 268; [2017] 3 WLR 1304
 - Stevensdrake Ltd v Hunt [2017] EWCA Civ 1173; [2017] BCC 611
 - Wood v Lowe [2016] EWHC 1010 (Ch) & [2016] EWHC 2052 (Ch)
 - Horton v Henry [2016] EWCA Civ 989; [2017] 1 WLR 391
 - Armstrong v Onyearu [2015] EWHC 1937 (Ch)
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RECOMMENDATIONS

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Company & Insolvency

'Simon conducts himself with a quiet confidence and his reassuring manner is very helpful in dealing with clients. Always responsive, very practical and extremely knowledgeable on the law.'

Ranked: Tier 1

LEGAL 500 2021

Company and Insolvency

'Clear thinking, technically excellent and really client friendly. Simon is our go to barrister for any insolvency matter and we regularly instruct him on matters where he acts against leading counsel. Simon is extremely calm and remains unruffled even when placed under significant pressure.'

Ranked: Tier 1

CHAMBERS UK 2021

Restructuring/Insolvency

Band 1

A highly sought-after junior who is active in all areas of corporate and personal insolvency. He wins praise from sources, who highlight not only his technical knowledge and work ethic but also the strength of his written and oral advocacy. His recent work involves claims alleging a breach of trust or fiduciary duties.

Strengths: "He is incredibly intelligent and thinks creatively as well as practically and commercially. He's also very easy to work with."

Recent work: Acted for the applicant administrators in Re Skeggs Beef, a case which addressed the issue of whether a qualifying floating chargeholder may e-file a notice of appointment of an administrator when the court office is closed.

LEGAL 500 2020

Commercial, Banking, Company & Chancery

"Robust, responsive and an able advocate."

CHAMBERS UK 2019

Restructuring / Insolvency

A highly sought-after junior who is active in all areas of corporate and personal insolvency. He wins praise from sources, who highlight not only his technical knowledge and work ethic but also the strength of his written and oral advocacy. His recent work involves claims alleging a breach of trust or fiduciary duties.

"Bright and personable with a good commercial grasp of the law." "Meticulous, encyclopaedically clever, impressive on his feet."

Recent work: Led a case against the director of a company by the liquidators for misfeasance, where the director allegedly used company money to fund his lavish lifestyle.

LEGAL 500 2019

Commercial, Banking, Insolvency & Chancery

Exceptionally bright and fleet of foot.

CHAMBERS UK 2018

Restructuring / Insolvency

Leading Junior - Band 1

A highly sought-after junior who is active in all areas of corporate and personal insolvency. He wins praise from sources, who highlight not only his technical knowledge and work ethic but also the strength of his written and oral advocacy. His recent experience includes working on bankruptcy disputes involving pension rights.

Strengths: "He is very quick to turn things around and really, really bright." "He is technically very strong and also very competent on his feet." "He can make the driest points of law interesting."

Recent work: Represented the administrators of Bradford Bulls, a professional rugby league club, in the High Court on an urgent application to determine the validity of their appointment and the cross-application of the directors for a retrospective administration order.

LEGAL 500 2017

Commercial, Banking, Insolvency & Chancery Law

Leading juniors

'He has great technical knowledge.'

CHAMBERS UK 2017

Restructuring / Insolvency

Leading Junior - Band 1

A highly sought-after junior who is active in all areas of corporate and personal insolvency. He wins praise from sources, who highlight not only his technical knowledge and work ethic, but also the strength of his written and oral advocacy.

Strengths: "He is a very bright, perceptive individual and the quality of his analysis is first-class." "He has a very strong understanding of the technical elements of the law, and is very accomplished on his feet."

Recent work: Acted for the trustee in a high-value bankruptcy case that was complicated by allegations of professional misconduct as well as the disputed ownership of valuable chattels initially concealed by the bankrupt.

LEGAL 500 2016

Commercial, Banking, Insolvency & Chancery Law

Leading juniors

'A dedicated insolvency specialist.'

CHAMBERS UK 2016

Restructuring / Insolvency

Leading Junior - Band 2

Has a dedicated insolvency practice and is frequently instructed in complex cases concerning both corporate and personal insolvency.

Strengths: "He's a very commercial barrister who won't get bogged down - he understands his clients' commercial bearings."

Recent work: Represented a trustee in a bankruptcy. The trustee wanted to pursue a possession and sale of the bankrupt's home.

LEGAL 500 2015

Commercial, Banking & Insolvency

Leading juniors

'He is clearly going to make it to the very top at some stage!'

CHAMBERS UK 2015

Restructuring / Insolvency

Leading Junior - Band 2

Praised extensively for his intellectual strength, his work ethic and his knowledge of insolvency law. He advises and represents clients in corporate and personal insolvency situations.

Expertise: "He is unbelievably sharp; he knows the answers to the most complex questions almost immediately."

Recent work: He acted for a trustee in bankruptcy in an action alleging that several major transfers of property between a bankrupt and his wife were shams.

CHAMBERS UK 2014

Specialises in all areas of corporate and personal insolvency law and has developed a strong reputation in the market for both his excellent advocacy and his advisory work. Expertise: "He offers essential guidance in getting to the issue quickly and enabling a speedy resolution." Recent work: He advised a trade creditor in connection with retention of title issues arising from the administration of Jessops.

CHAMBERS UK 2013

Robobarrister Simon Passfield "never stops," and is "never fazed by anything." "A natural advocate," he is "someone to look out for in the years to come," say his peers.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Deputy Insolvency and Companies Court Judge
 - Attorney General's Regional A Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown
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MEMBERSHIPS:

- Fellow of the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3)
 - Chancery Bar Association
 - Insolvency Lawyers' Association
 - Insolvency and Companies Court Users' Committee
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EDUCATION:

- BVC, BPP Law School - Outstanding
 - LLB Hons, University of Nottingham
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RECENT NEWS

- Virgin territory for Part 26A Restructuring Plans
 - Simon Passfield has been appointed as a Deputy Insolvency and Companies Court Judge
 - Simon Passfield obtains 10 year disqualification order against de facto director of suspected MTIC fraudster
 - Members of Guildhall provided training to NHS England, Department of Health & Local Government
 - Hugh Sims QC and Simon Passfield successfully defend Stevensdrake appeal
 - Hugh Sims QC & Simon Passfield successfully defend insolvency practitioner - Feb 2016
 - Guildhall Chambers quiz night goes down a "sturm" - September 2015
 - Podcast - Pension Rights and Bankruptcy with Simon Passfield - Sept 2015
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