

# Boris Lazic

## Practice Summary

Boris is a barrister practising in England and Wales and an advocate in Cyprus. His practice is focused on commercial and chancery disputes, international arbitration, civil fraud, sanctions, asset recovery, public law and cross-border litigation.

He has particular experience in matters involving Cyprus, Eastern Europe, the Balkans and CIS-related parties, businesses and assets, and is well placed to act in cases where English proceedings intersect with Cypriot law, corporate structures, trusts, assets or parallel litigation.

His work frequently involves jurisdictional and conflict-of-laws issues, allegations of fraud and financial wrongdoing, contractual and shareholder disputes, economic torts, trusts, interim remedies, freezing and disclosure relief, recognition and enforcement and cross-border asset preservation.

Boris maintains active practices in both England and Wales and Cyprus and acts for claimants and defendants in substantial commercial disputes and international arbitrations. He also undertakes a significant advisory practice, providing legal opinions on complex questions of commercial, corporate and private international law.

Recent and Notable Matters

> High Court proceedings – currently acting in ongoing proceedings concerning the alleged fraudulent transfer of property, with the value of the dispute running to several million pounds.
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> LCIA arbitration – acted for the claimant in a London-seated international arbitration in which the Tribunal awarded the claim in full, in the sum of approximately €500,000, together with

interest and costs. The arbitration also raised questions concerning the Tribunal's jurisdiction where the substantive claim arose under an ancillary agreement which did not itself contain an express arbitration agreement.

LMAA arbitration – currently acting in high-value proceedings before the London Maritime Arbitrators Association.

ICC arbitration – currently acting in high-value international arbitration proceedings conducted under the ICC Rules.

ICC arbitration – acted with English King's Counsel for the claimant in proceedings which resulted in an award of approximately US$9 million together with costs.

Commercial proceedings before the County Court – acted for the claimants and successfully resisted an application for strike-out and summary judgment in proceedings involving, among other matters, allegations of unlawful means conspiracy and infringement of design rights and copyright.

Cyprus Assize Court proceedings – currently instructed on behalf of a senior financial officer of a corporate group in criminal proceedings involving allegations including misappropriation of funds, embezzlement, theft and fraud. Related civil proceedings are also ongoing, including proceedings in which without-notice freezing and disclosure orders were obtained against the client.

Cyprus property and trust proceedings – currently acting in proceedings concerning the alleged unlawful occupation for approximately three years of a multimillion-euro property and issues relating to the termination of a trust.

Civil fraud and interim relief in Cyprus – has acted in substantial commercial disputes involving allegations of fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and misrepresentation, including applications for freezing and disclosure orders and challenges to relief obtained without notice.

Recognition and enforcement – has acted in substantial proceedings concerning the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, including claims involving values in the tens and hundreds of millions.

## Public Law & Regulatory

Boris also acts in public and regulatory law matters. His experience includes acting for a local authority in an appeal before the Magistrates' Court concerning alcohol licensing for retail premises.

His public law practice complements his commercial and cross-border work, particularly where disputes involve the exercise of public powers, regulatory decisions or issues arising at the intersection of public and private law.

## Advisory Work

Boris regularly provides written opinions on complex legal issues arising in commercial, corporate and cross-border disputes.

Recent advisory work has included opinions concerning:

- economic torts;
- shareholder and corporate disputes;
- the criminal liability of the directing mind of a corporation; and
- conflict-of-laws issues concerning the transfer or continuation of companies from one jurisdiction to another.

He also advises on questions involving jurisdiction, applicable law, fiduciary duties, trusts, asset preservation and international corporate structures.

### Cross-Border Practice

A significant part of Boris's work concerns disputes involving more than one jurisdiction. His practice is particularly suited to matters involving English and Cypriot proceedings, Cyprus companies and trusts, Eastern European and Balkan parties, CIS-related assets, international arbitration, fraud, sanctions, recognition and enforcement and cross-border asset disputes.

His ability to practise in both England and Wales and Cyprus, together with his language skills and familiarity with international corporate and financial structures, allows him to approach cross-border disputes from both an English and Cypriot perspective.

### Interests

Outside practice, Boris has a longstanding interest in martial arts, music, travel, history and learning about different cultures.

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## Languages

- English
- Greek
- Russian
- Serbian

## Areas of Expertise

- Commercial
- International Arbitration
- Professional Discipline And Regulatory
- Administrative Public Law
- Business Crime
- Investigations And Resolutions