



RAJ PARKER

MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Commercial Law
Corporate Social
Responsibility, Investigations
and Audits
Crime and Regulatory Law
Fraud, Financial and Business
Crime
Mediation
Sports Law

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Raj Parker is an associate member of Matrix and prior to joining was a solicitor at Freshfields for over 30 years, 23 as a Partner. He specialises in general commercial and financial services dispute resolution, international regulatory investigations, and sports law. He has handled contentious and regulatory issues in the insurance, banking, pharmaceuticals, air traffic, leisure, diamond, energy, transport, reconstruction and insolvency, sport and media sectors. He also specialises in corporate criminal investigations and white collar crime issues and is a member of the Governance, Investigations and Solutions – Matrix Integrity + team.

COMMERCIAL LAW

Raj has handled many contentious issues arising out of the Air Traffic, Banking and Insurance, Private Equity, Leisure, Diamond, Oil and Gas, Transport, Sport and Media Sectors.

SPORTS LAW

- Raj's work in the Sports sector has included acting for the **Football Association** for in advisory and contentious work, including the Hillsborough proceedings (1989-1995), establishing **FA Premier League** (1991/2) and various disciplinary and other matters for premier league and football league clubs, and participating in working parties which reported on financial irregularities, betting and compliance issues ;chaired the **FA panel** on Wimbledon FC's move to Milton Keynes May 2002;football clubs and NGO's in relation to safeguarding and sexual abuse issues; for **Kuwait Sporting Club** involving many football related issues;
- for the **IAAF** concerning governance review commissioned by Lord Coe and as an arbitrator in disciplinary cases; for **BAT ,the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal** ,since 2006, he has conducted over 100 arbitrations covering disputes between players, agents and clubs; for **UCI** (Union Cycliste International) in connection with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission into doping in professional cycling, arising out of the USADA 2012 proceedings against Lance Armstrong ;extensive involvement for **LOCOG 2012** and in arbitrations before **CAS** including Association Football, Show Jumping, Cycling, Gymnastics, Water Polo, Formula 1, Ten Pin

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DIRECTORIES' RECOMMENDATIONS

HERE'S WHAT THEY SAY:

Former Freshfields solicitor Raj Parker is praised for his impressive practice focusing on white-collar crime and related international regulatory investigations. He is particularly well known for his expertise and experience coordinating cross-border matters. (Who's Who 2017)

Recommended in Corporate Crime (including fraud, bribery and corruption) and Insurance and Reinsurance Litigation, 'Raj Parker handles a broad range of insurance and reinsurance claims, and has also handled a significant amount of contentious regulatory work.' (Legal 500 2016)

Raj Parker is an experienced corporate crime practitioner with a comprehensive knowledge of ABC work, money laundering and suspicious activity reporting. According to commentators, he is "active for some fantastic clients, has a huge profile and is very commercial." (Chambers UK 2016)

'The "excellent" Raj Parker is head of the insurance and reinsurance team. His practice takes in the full spectrum of contentious and regulatory matters in the area.' (Chambers UK 2016)

'Raj Parker offers corporate clients expertise in bribery, corruption and international regulatory matters. He is noted for his long-standing experience in the area and the high-quality instructions he receives.' (Chambers UK 2015)

Bowling, Ice Hockey and Rugby; for **Qatar 2022 Bid Committee** concerning the FIFA World Cup and corruption allegations; appointed by the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** and **the ICC** as sole arbitrator in relation to sponsorship issues concerning the 2003 Cricket World Cup arbitrator and in relation to **ICC** decision not to hold cricket world cup in Pakistan (2009); appointed by **RFU** in relation to the future structure of Rugby Union; and for **LTA** (Lawn Tennis Association) relating to the sale of Queens Club.

FRAUD, FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CRIME

He has experience of fraud, bribery, corruption, money laundering and related issues arising in many sectors including:

- Financial Institutions;
- Pharmaceuticals;
- Energy;
- Construction;
- Sport;
- Reconstruction and insolvency; and
- Media/telecoms.

He specialises in particular in global investigations with a white collar crime element and the coordination of regulatory proceedings arising in multiple jurisdictions.

He has particular experience of US, European, and Asian criminal enforcements regulators and applicable laws.

He is also available to act as an Expert Witness and a Monitor.

INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS, REVIEWS AND REPORTS

He specialises in general commercial dispute issues, with particular experience in financial services, international regulatory investigations, and sports areas. He is also experienced in white collar crime matters.

He has been appointed as an Independent Reviewer in relation to regulatory matters and as an Expert Witness in relation to contentious commercial matters.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Grand Court Judge of the Cayman Islands for service in the Financial Services Division(part-time)

Former Recorder of the Crown Court

Accredited CEDR (Centre for Dispute Resolution) Mediator

Arbitrator at The London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

Arbitrator at the Court of Innovative Arbitration

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Panel member of ARIAS (UK)

Vice President of the Basketball Arbitration Tribunal (BAT), an independent tribunal recognised by FIBA

Former Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Lausanne, London

Member of Sport Resolutions' panel of arbitrators and mediators

Member of the IAAF Disciplinary Tribunal

Member of the FA Judicial Panel

LANGUAGES

English

French

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