

Christopher Brougham QC

QC 1988, Called to the Bar 1969

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Christopher specialises in corporate and personal insolvency and has considerable past experience of other areas of the law, such as crime, divorce, landlord and tenant, which he uses to advantage in his insolvency practice.

Christopher was instructed on behalf of the trustees in bankruptcy of George Best, Asil Nadir and Jack Dunnett (former MP and President of the Football League), and on behalf of Swiss Bank at the onset of the collapse of the Maxwell empire.

Christopher has on a number of occasions represented the Official Receiver, and advised the Government in connection with possible disqualification proceedings arising out of the Blue Arrow report.

He was the principal author of the Insolvency Lawyers Association's response to the Government consultation document "A Fresh Start"

Insolvency and Restructuring

Cases include:

- **Narandas - Girdhar v Bradstock** [2016] EWCA Civ 88, appeal against the refusal of a declaration that the second claimant's irregularly approved IVA was a nullity dismissed; a purposive construction given to IA 1986, Pt VIII
- **Arif v Anwar** [2013] EWHC 624 (Fam), hearing in ancillary relief proceedings between a wife and bankrupt husband in the Family Division held before a Chancery judge
- **Raithatha v Williamson** [2012] EWHC 909 (Ch), interrelationship of income payments order and bankrupt's entitlement to draw down pension
- **Weir v Secretary of State for Transport** [2005] EWHC 2192 (Ch), action by Railtrack shareholders against the Government
- **Treharne and Sands v Forrester**[2003] EWHC 2784 (Ch), restrictions on dispositions of property, MCA 1973, s 24, property adjustment orders
- **Krasner v Dennison**[2001] Ch 76 (CA), bankruptcy, bankrupt's estate, rights under a personal pension plan
- **Hellyer v Hellyer**[1997] BPIR 85 (CA), matrimonial lump sum order against bankrupt
- **In re ELS**[1995] Ch 11, receivership distress for rates
- **Re Newman Shopfitters (Cleveland)** [1991] BCLC 407, administration/secured creditor
- **Smith v Braintree District Council**[1990] 2 AC 215 HL, bankruptcy committal for non-payment of rates
- **In re Tucker (RC)** [1990] Ch 148 (CA), bankruptcy jurisdiction over proposed examinee abroad
- **Royal Trust Bank v Buchler**[1989] BCLC 130, administration/secured creditor

International and Offshore

Between January 2005 and February 2008, instructed on behalf of Citibank as standing expert on all aspects of Cayman law in a claim for \$400m plus punitive damages litigated in New York. Instructed on behalf of *Republic Insurance Co*, a multi-billion dollar creditor in the winding-up of Mentor Insurance in Bermuda.

Professional Negligence

Cases include:

- ***Hurst v BDO Stoy Hayward*** [2006] EWHC 791 (Ch), professional negligence claim against accountants in an insolvency context

Career

2007	Elected Bencher of the Inner Temple
1990 - 1991	Inspector, appointed under Companies Act 1985 s 432(5), to investigate the affairs of BOM Holdings PLC
1988	Appointed Queen's Counsel
1984	Deputy Bankruptcy Registrar
1969	Called to the Bar of England and Wales

Memberships

Chancery Bar Association

Insolvency Lawyers Association

Family Law Bar Association

Publications

Joint Senior Author of ***Muir Hunter on Personal Insolvency*** (Sweet and Maxwell)

Author of Personal Insolvency chapter in ***Financial Provision in Family Matters*** (Sweet and Maxwell)

Editor of Bankruptcy Provisions chapter in ***Jackson's Matrimonial Finance and Taxation*** (Butterworth's LexisNexis)

Lectures and Seminars

Legal updates to the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (2014 and 2013)

Professional Negligence Lawyers' Association: Duties of office-holders (2011)

Education and Qualifications

Worcester College, Oxford, BA Jurisprudence

Languages

Written French

Written German