



Lisa Linklater KC


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Appointments

- King's Counsel (2022)
- Vice-Chair of the Northern Business and Property Bar Association (2023)
- Editorial Advisory Board of the Company Lawyer journal (published by Sweet & Maxwell) (member since 2010)
- Accredited Mediator (CEDR)
- Attorney General's Regional Panel of Counsel (2000 – 2018)

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Business and Property Bar Association (Vice-Chair)
- R3 fellow (association of business recovery professionals) (full member)
- Insolvency Lawyers' Association

Overview

Lisa Linklater K.C. is a leading silk with an established reputation nationally for her expertise, advocacy, strategic excellence and advice in the following areas in which she has specialised for 30 years:

- Company, LLP and Partnership disputes, particularly shareholder disputes,
- Insolvency and Restructuring,
- Commercial Dispute Resolution,
- Commercial Fraud and
- Property and Trusts

For further detail as to Lisa's expertise and experience in these practice areas please refer to each of Lisa's bespoke practice area CVs (see links above).

Lisa is Vice-chair of the Northern Business and Property Bar Association.

Recommendations

Lisa has been recommended as a Band 1 silk for two consecutive years by both Chambers and Partners UK Bar Guide 2025 and Legal 500 UK Bar 2025 in three practice areas – Commercial Dispute Resolution, Chancery and Insolvency and Restructuring. Testimonials are in the recommendations section opposite. They recognise Lisa's many skills and personal qualities that have cemented her reputation in heavyweight and high profile cases in silk. The current legal directories note: "*Lisa is very capable with complex commercial litigation and is able to cut through complicated matters quickly. She is a pleasure to work with and is also great with clients*", "*Lisa is technically excellent*" and "*a formidable opponent*".

Experience, Skills and Personal Qualities

(full member)

- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- North Eastern Circuit

Education

- MA Cantab (Law), University of Cambridge (Jesus College)
- Inns of Court School of Law, London
- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

Lisa is highly experienced in acting for a very wide range of clients in cases and disputes that are high-profile (including many attracting media attention), set a legal precedent (either for the client or generally), are of high financial value, intersect with criminal matters and/or are of reputational importance to the client. Lisa gained considerable experience of this type of work from a very early stage in her career, having been appointed to the prestigious Attorney General's Regional Panel of Counsel (civil) for three consecutive terms (18 years) prior to taking silk.

Lisa is recognised by Legal 500 UK Bar 2025 as “*pragmatic, intelligent, and always calm and considered,*” as well as being “*tenacious in battle*”. She has a wealth of experience in advocacy in the Business and Property Courts of the High Court, the Court of Appeal and in Alternative Dispute Resolution (including arbitration and mediation).

She is highly adept in cases involving expert evidence, particularly of a financial nature.

Lisa brings 30 years of experience in advising and representing diverse clients including companies (plcs, SMEs and household names), banks and other lenders, high net worth individuals (often in their capacity as shareholders, directors, members of LLPs, partners or co-owners of commercial and residential property), insolvency practitioners (as office holders or LPA receivers), central government (Secretary of State for Business and Trade and HM Revenue and Customs), local government, sports clubs, solicitor firms and trustees of substantial trust funds. She is instructed on behalf of clients by and against regional, national and international law firms.

Lisa is valued for her excellent leadership skills, collaborating very effectively with a very wide range of clients and legal teams to advance clients' objectives effectively: “*she is always challenging us on aspects of the case we might not have thought of. She really raises the game of everyone working with her.*” Lisa frequently works with lawyers who are specialist in other legal jurisdictions (recent examples include Jersey, Isle of Man, Scotland, Hong Kong and Saudi Arabia) or other silks, junior Counsel or lawyers with complementary expertise (recent examples include criminal, tax on transactions and matrimonial). She also regularly leads junior Counsel (where appropriate to the case and client).

Further Expertise and Personal Qualities

Lisa is very widely published in her areas of specialism, as set out in the publications section. She is regularly invited to chair or speak on topical legal developments. In 2023 Lisa was chair of a prestigious panel of international experts at the 40th Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime and in 2024 she chaired at the Artificial Intelligence and Digital Security Conference in Manchester.

Recommendations

Directories

Chambers and Partners UK Bar Guide 2025

Band 1 Leading Silk in Commercial Dispute Resolution

“Lisa is great at building rapport with clients. She’s absolutely great in helping steer a matter to a successful conclusion and she’s not afraid of taking the plunge when you have to be decisive.”

“Lisa is extremely good at unfair prejudice and shareholder disputes.”

“Lisa has got such an eye for detail and she is always challenging us on aspects of the case we might not have thought of. She really raises the game of everyone working with her.”

Band 1 Leading Silk in Chancery

“Lisa is very capable with complex commercial litigation and is able to cut through complicated matters quickly. She is a pleasure to work with and is also great with clients.”

“Lisa is very good on unfair prejudice petitions and shareholder disputes. She has got such an eye for detail, always challenging us on aspects of the case and raising the game of everyone around her.”

“She’s built up a national reputation in this area. Lisa isn’t fazed by the complexity or the value of matters. Her input is vital, she’s always considered.”

Band 1 Leading Silk in Insolvency

“Lisa Linklater is an excellent barrister. She is very experienced and very well thought of. A formidable opponent.”

“Lisa is technically excellent. She always gives thoughtful and considered advice.”

Legal 500 UK Bar Guide 2025

Tier 1 Leading Silk in Company and Insolvency

‘Lisa is pragmatic, intelligent, and always calm and considered. She is able to provide commercial solutions to problems.’

Tier 1 Leading Silk in Commercial Dispute Resolution

‘Lisa is a tremendous barrister, who exudes a quiet but authoritative command of the details of the case. She is tenacious in battle.’

Chambers and Partners 2024 recommends Lisa as a Tier 1 silk in each of the practice areas of Commercial Dispute Resolution, Restructuring/Insolvency and Chancery and highlights her expertise and experience in shareholder disputes, insolvency litigation and directors’ duties.

Chambers and Partners 2024 (Chancery/Commercial Dispute Resolution/Restructuring/Insolvency – Tier 1)

“Lisa is top class, extremely knowledgeable and incredibly hard-working.”

“Lisa is very strong technically; she fights the clients’ corner, leaves no stone unturned and knows the law inside out. Her written work is excellent.”

“Lisa is personable, has a collaborative approach and is very technical.”

The Legal 500 2024 (Company and Insolvency/ Commercial Litigation – Tier 1)

‘Lisa is very thorough and is always well prepared. A proactive silk.’

‘Lisa’s knowledge of shareholder disputes and the law on unfair prejudice is outstanding. A strategically astute silk.’

Chambers and Partners 2023 (Commercial Dispute Resolution, Restructuring/Insolvency and Chancery)

“Lisa is scrupulous. She is hands-on in getting to know the client’s business.”

“Lisa is technically superb.”

“Very thorough and decisive.”

The Legal 500 2023 (Company and Insolvency)

‘Lisa is very responsive and incredibly academic – she researches her cases inside out. She gives clear, concise advice.’

The Legal 500 2022 (Tier 1 Company and Insolvency)

“Lisa is meticulous, very, very sharp, and has a wealth of knowledge. Always well prepared and an excellent advocate.”

Chambers and Partners 2022 (Band 1 Commercial Dispute Resolution)

“Lisa Linklater has been excellent – she is very good with clients, and very measured and meticulous in her approach.”

“Lisa has been really collaborative and attentive.”

Chambers and Partners 2022 (Restructuring/Insolvency)

“Lisa is a highly academic and organised advocate who knows her cases inside out. She is always a pleasure to deal with and to instruct.”

Chambers and Partners 2021 (Chancery)

“You have to do your homework when you are against her.”

“Her knowledge and expertise is first-rate.”

Chambers and Partners 2021 (Restructuring/Insolvency)

“She has a very good eye for detail.”

“Experienced and has the confidence of the court.”

“She’s good under pressure, diligent and very calm on her feet.”

Chambers and Partners 2021 (Commercial Dispute Resolution)

“She is very technically astute and I can see why she is well respected in the region for this sort of work.”

“A very thorough and insightful analyst on the key issues.”

The Legal 500 2021 (Tier 1 Company and Insolvency)

“Lisa is very academic and always researches her cases fully. She is always well prepared and her written submissions are always excellent demonstrating her knowledge of cases. Lisa is a great advocate and is very persuasive.”

Chambers and Partners 2020 (Chancery)

“She is unflappable, extremely well prepared and an excellent advocate who is as strong on her feet as she is on paper.”

“She is a very astute barrister with excellent commercial acumen. Her judgement is always spot-on and she is decisive in even the most complicated scenarios.”

Chambers and Partners 2020 (Restructuring/Insolvency)

“She is brilliant technically, great on her feet and her written work is really good.”

“Gets to the heart of the details and is very thorough. She really fights her client’s corner and is dogged and robust in her approach.”

The Legal 500 2020 (Tier 1 Company and Insolvency)

“Very highly-regarded both as a lawyer and as an advocate.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“She is knowledgeable, persuasive in court and excellent on complex legal problems.”

“She is thorough, methodical and an excellent all-rounder.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“Imperturbable and impressive in court; a force to be reckoned with.”

Testimonials

“It was a pleasure to work with Lisa, whose hard work 24/7, excellent advocacy and expertise throughout was an invaluable factor in achieving this outcome.” *Excello Law (2023)*

“Lisa Linklater KC was incredible during all meetings and teams calls. Her vast amount of knowledge and confidence in the strength of our case was very reassuring. Her opening speech showed that she knew the case in depth and she knew exactly how to deliver her points firmly and in a strong and confident manner. Lisa was worth every single penny. She absolutely commanded the mediation and her confidence and knowledge were second to none.” *Mrs C (client in shareholder dispute)(2023)*

“Lisa provided a great service and her insight into the case was very helpful. Her communication was always prompt.” *Mr B (client in shareholder dispute)(2023)*

“I have retained Lisa on a number of complicated shareholder disputes. She is sharp, focussed and decisive and is able to navigate the most challenging legal and factual issues with aplomb. Lisa prepares thoroughly for hearings, ensuring all bases are covered, and her presentation of a case to court is both measured and highly effective.”

Adam Maher, Partner, Head of Commercial Litigation, Myerson LLP (2022)

“Your strategy was perfect and delivered exactly the result the client was looking for” Joshua Briggs, Head of Dispute Resolution, Wilkin Chapman LLP (2022)

“Lisa is very much a team player. She is very diligent, unflappable and measured in her submissions” Stuart Frith, Partner – Restructuring and Insolvency, Stephenson Harwood LLP (2019)

“Your clarity of thinking and leadership was much appreciated” Insolvency Practitioner Client, 2019

“Thank you for your focussed and effective advocacy” Government lawyer, 2018

“I could not have asked for a better legal team than [solicitor’s firm] and Lisa Linklater” client following mediation, 2017

“This was a fantastic result” Managing director and commercial dispute resolution solicitor, 2016

“Your expert presentation of the case to the court was exceptional” Partner and head of Commercial Dispute Resolution Department following trial in 2016

Publications

Member of the editorial advisory board of “The Company Lawyer” (Sweet & Maxwell).

Restructuring Plans and HMRC: Recent Developments (R3 press, policy and research update, November 2023).

Shareholder Disputes: Unfair Prejudice Petitions and The Art of Share Valuation (Solicitors Journal, 2022) 165(9), 25 – 27.

“Directors’ Duties in Times of Change” (R3’s Recovery Newsletter, April 2022).

“Virgin Active and New Look: A new dawn for the rescue culture?” (Sweet & Maxwell’s Insolvency Intelligence 2021, 34(3), 55 – 57).

“Legal Professional Privilege: Breach of a Company Director’s Duties and the Iniquity Exception in Practice” (Feature article, LexisNexis Corporate Rescue & Insolvency Journal, December 2020, 13(6), 194 – 195).

“Changing Times: Aspects of Creditor Enforcement in Administration and the New Moratorium” (Sweet & Maxwell’s Insolvency Intelligence 2020, 33(3), 96 – 98).

“Furlough and Administration: When is a Contract of Employment ‘Adopted’?” (R3’s Recovery, Autumn 2020).

Co-author of “Rider, Alexander, Linklater & Bazley: Market Abuse and Insider Dealing” (2nd ed, Tottel Publishing).

Member of the editorial board of “The Company Lawyer” (Sweet & Maxwell) from 2001 – 2007, regularly contributing editorials on company, finance and insolvency topics.

Beyond the Bar

Music, golf, swimming and theatre. Lisa is fluent (conversational) in French and German.