



Abtin Yeganeh

## Description

**Abtin's practice encompasses all aspects of civil and commercial litigation and various forms of alternative dispute resolution.**

Unusually for his level of seniority, Abtin has experience of taking matters to trial in the High Court and has also been involved in a number of appeals before the Court of Appeal.

He has acted for companies, officeholders, and high net worth individuals both in the UK and abroad.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- [Professional negligence](#)
- [Insolvency litigation](#)
- Inheritance Act claims and contentious probate
- Media, data protection and defamation claims
- Company and commercial disputes
- Contractual disputes
- [Property litigation](#)
- Alternative dispute resolution

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- *Sultan Choudhury -v- The Times Newspaper Limited* – Acted for the former chief executive officer of Al Rayan Bank in his libel claim against The Times. The Times agreed to pay libel damages for the meaning of a preview article which it published on its website promoting the full article published behind its paywall (and in print). The text and image in the preview made a “libellous imputation” about the Claimant.
- Acting for the claimant company against one of its former directors who had embezzled a six-figure sum from the company during his directorship. The disputed sum was recovered on behalf of the company and was secured against the defendant's property pending payment in full.

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- *Legget & Ors -v- Giambrone Law LLP (In Liquidation)* – €3.5m group litigation claim by 43 claimants against their former solicitors, Giambrone Law (“the Firm”) over its advice the clients in a failed property development that had alleged had links to the Mafia. It had been alleged that the Firm was under a duty to warn investors of the risks involved in investing in a part of Italy associated with organised crime.
  - Acting for the Claimant in a million-pound claim against a former investment advisor. The claim included allegations of negligence and fraudulent misrepresentation. The sum achieved in settlement was more than what counsel had predicted at trial.
  - *Huda Television Limited -v- The Henry Jackson Society*– Acted for the claimant in its High Court libel claim against The Henry Jackson Society (HJS•). As a result of the action, (HJS) paid libel damages to Huda plus legal costs. In addition, HJS published a retraction of the allegations and an apology to Huda on the HJS website and Twitter.
  - Advising a group of claimant companies in a claim against a bank for misrepresentation following breaches of FSMA and an investigation by the FCA.
  - Acting for the applicant challenging the remuneration of a trustee in bankruptcy under Insolvency Rule 18.35 and 18.36 on the basis that the sums sought were excessive and disproportionate.
  - Representing the successful applicants on an application to annul bankruptcy orders under section 282(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that had been obtained by fraud.
  - Advising on a claim against solicitors arising out of the alleged negligent conduct of a substantial Chancery Division claim.
  - Obtaining a successful settlement for the claimant in Chancery proceedings in a claim worth £600,000 against the claimant’s son for fraud and the mismanagement of a property portfolio.
  - *Lee -v- Alrubaiee & Anr* Acted for the claimant in her claim against the Executrixes of the estate of her ex-husband, pursuant to CPR 19.8(2)(a) for repayment of a loan of £227,000. The claim was heavily defended and proceeded to trial due to a letter from the claimant stating the sum was a gift. The issue to be determined at trial was whether the claimant was entitled to recover the sums outstanding; alternatively, as the Defendants claimed, the claimant intended them to be a gift. Judgment was obtained for the full sum at trial along with costs which included provision that the executors be personally, liable, if and insofar as the Estate was unable to pay them.

## MEMBERSHIPS

- R3
- Junior London Solicitor Litigation Association
- Junior Lawyers Division of the Law Society
- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association