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Richard is a partner practising BVI law from Carey Olsen's London office. Richard's practise encompasses all aspects of BVI commercial disputes, but with a focus on insolvency and security enforcement, fraud and asset recovery, shareholder disputes and contentious trust matters. Richard has particular experience of obtaining interlocutory applications such as freezing injunctions and Norwich Pharmacal orders, often in support of foreign court proceedings or arbitrations. Richard's location in London enables him to advise clients in the EMEA region in a convenient time zone, and he works closely with the BVI-based litigation team to provide a seamless service to clients. Richard is a solicitor advocate and has successfully represented clients as advocate in matters before both the BVI Commercial Court and the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal.

Examples of Richard's recent cases include:

- Acting for a BVI company in relation to "Black Swan" injunction proceedings, successfully appearing as advocate in both the Commercial Court and Court of Appeal (setting aside injunction and resisting stay) and advising on related proceedings in London
- Acting for an African state in proceedings to recover the proceeds of a corrupt oil deal from a BVI company (appearances as advocate and as junior to London leading counsel)
- Acting for the liquidators of Exential Investments Inc, which was involved in a substantial Ponzi scheme leaving 1000s of investors out of pocket. Obtained the first reasoned judgment from the BVI Commercial Court approving a third party funding arrangement to enable investigations and recovery proceedings

Career

Richard started his career with Hogan Lovells in London, where he practised for 8 years prior to moving to the BVI in 2013. Richard gained his higher rights of audience in the English Courts in 2010 and was admitted as a solicitor advocate in the BVI in 2013. Between 2015 and 2017, Richard worked for Carey Olsen in Jersey.

He is a member of the Insolvency Lawyers Association, R3, INSOL, RISA, and the Commercial Fraud Lawyers' Association.



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"Richard Brown is a quality operator. He's smart and very client-focused – always super responsive and approachable. He's a good all-round litigator, but is particularly strong in fraud and insolvency litigation, as well as arbitration. He's qualified in multiple jurisdictions, which is really helpful in many complex multi-jurisdictional disputes. He's also well connected in those and various other jurisdictions which often comes in handy."

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