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Tim is a partner and advocate in the dispute resolution and litigation group. He has over twenty years' experience in trial and litigation advisory work, often in high value and reputationally significant cases, many involving multiple jurisdictions working alongside other international law firms. His broad practice includes corporate and company law disputes, contentious corporate transactional matters, banking and financial services litigation, including funds disputes, shareholder disputes, as well as trusts disputes and general commercial litigation. He also has significant experience in the fields of corporate insolvency and regulatory investigations. During his career Tim has appeared in matters before the English High Court, the Royal Court of Guernsey, and the Guernsey Court of Appeal.

Tim regularly acts for major corporates, investment and private banks, funds, private equity houses and other financial institutions, as well as for trustees, investment managers, investors, office holders, businesses and HNWIs. He has significant experience acting for the target (and occasionally the bidder) in complex schemes of arrangement, primarily in the takeover context. He often represents boards of directors, either in contentious or regulatory matters, derivative claims or unfair prejudice applications, and also as part of his board advisory practice, assisting boards of directors, or committees or constituents thereof, on commercially and financially sensitive or complex transactions and investigations.

Tim is ranked consistently by the independent legal directories (Legal 500, Chambers UK and Global, the International Bar Association's 'Who's Who Legal': 2008 to present) as one of Guernsey's leading litigators and has been described in them as: "A formidable litigator. First-class advocate"; "a stellar litigation specialist"; "the best litigator on the Island"; "terrific"; "a master of litigation with an analytical mind who can think outside the box to find sensible solutions"; "the right man for difficult heavyweight commercial litigation"; as having a "dominant and effective courtroom presence"; "excellent, a robust advocate whose advice is always sound"; "he is silky smooth, very charming in court and very good at disarming opponents and getting judges on his side"; "relentlessly charming, unflappable and totally dedicated to winning"; "an outstanding litigator who knows the Guernsey courts very well. He is calm, pragmatic, and his advice excellent" and a "team player and a delight to work with". He appears in Legal 500's 'Hall of Fame' for Litigation (Guernsey).



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His representative work has included:

- the successful approval of the CAN\$775million takeover of the then TSX Venture Exchange listed NYX Gaming Group by Scientific Games by way of a contested scheme of arrangement;
- advising a global energy company on protective claims arising from a fraudulently obtained multi-billion dollar remediation judgment in South America;
- successfully acting for Stobart Group in opposing injunctive relief proceedings brought by former CEO Andrew Tinkler in advance of the company's 2018 AGM;
- acting for the banking and trust arms of a global bank in proceedings relating to the alleged corruption of former successive prime ministers of Ukraine, including U.S. RICO Act proceedings, and successful opposition to a Hague Convention letter of request issued by the Massachusetts District Court;
- acting for a Formula One racing driver in successfully obtaining time-critical Norwich Pharmacal relief against a financial institution, in order to assist in a then imminent English High Court trial against Hamilton Management Group Limited; and
- successfully representing a private equity joint venture partner in unfair prejudice proceedings; and acting for the independent non-executive directors of an NYSE Euronext listed fund in Guernsey's first derivative action.

Career

Tim read law as an undergraduate at the University of London, and as a postgraduate at the University of Bristol. Tim qualified as a Solicitor (England & Wales) in 1999 and as a Solicitor-Advocate (Higher Rights – All Courts) in 2004. He obtained his Certificat d'Etudes Juridiques Françaises et Normandes at the Université de Caen Basse-Normandie in France in December 2007 and was called to the Guernsey Bar in February 2008. He became a Partner on 1 January 2010. His memberships include the International Bar Association, the Chancery Bar Association, INSOL and the Institute of Directors.



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