

# Christopher Jenkins KC

## Overview

Christopher's work covers the full spectrum of commercial practice, with an emphasis on property litigation, mortgagee remedies, insolvency advice and representation, asset recovery and shareholder disputes.

He regularly appears at Supreme Court and Court of Appeal level and is accustomed to working alongside UK and US-based legal, insolvency and accounting teams in cross-border matters.

Christopher trained and practiced as a litigator for a top 15 solicitors London firm before relocating to the Bahamas. He was called to the Bahamas Bar in 2005 and became a partner in the firm in 2011.

### Examples of recent work

- ***Judicial management of British-American Insurance Company Limited***. Christopher advised the Judicial Manager of a large insolvent regional insurance company in relation to numerous issues. The matter included the implementation of a plan of arrangement across nine Caribbean jurisdictions in 2018 and included enacting special legislation in the Bahamas and other jurisdictions. Representation has included over 40 hearings since 2009.
- ***Montana v Matrix***. Christopher is the lead adviser and advocate of a pension fund mortgagee in realisation of assets securing a \$40-million loan on an insolvent property development in the family islands of The Bahamas.
- ***First Caribbean International Bank v Peace Holdings***. Christopher is part of the team advising and representing First Caribbean in long-running litigation surrounding the insolvency of a property developer of a 79-unit luxury condominium complex, the realisation of the secured assets, as well as various pieces of

satellite litigation.

- **Re Hayward's Trust.** Christopher advises the Judicial Trustee of a family trust owning significant assets related to the Freeport Container Port, appointed in the context of litigation between the beneficiaries and former trustees.
  - **Hong Kong Zhong Qing Property Development Company Limited v. Squadron Holdings SPV0164HK, Ltd.** Christopher is lead advocate for the borrower in litigation concerning a \$20 million repo loan by a Bahamian lender to a Chinese borrower. The matter has involved successfully obtaining and protecting an anti-suit injunction, the setting aside of various ex parte orders obtained by the lender and arguing a complex construction issue related to Section 70 of the IBC Act.
  - **Mohammed Al-Saleh v Sargeant Marine Limited et al.** Christopher was part of the team engaged to advise on asset tracing proceedings in the Bahamas in relation to a \$90m fraud relating to the profits from oil supply contracts in the Middle East, and to provide advice on the potential enforcement of a \$30m Florida Judgment debt against assets in The Bahamas. The team obtained worldwide freezing injunctions and receivership orders shortly prior to the settlement of the worldwide litigation between the
- sts in 2017.



## Practice Areas

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Insolvency & Restructuring

## Recommendations

Christopher is consistently ranked in **Chambers Global** for Dispute Resolution. He is also ranked as a leading lawyer for The Bahamas by **The Legal 500 Caribbean**.

Christopher Jenkins is a well-regarded disputes lawyer with a wide-ranging practice. He regularly represents clients in commercial and property litigation, with further expertise in insolvency and asset recovery. (**Chambers Global 2021**)

According to one source, litigator Christopher Jenkins is "***a very pragmatic individual who thinks outside the box and finds resolutions.***" He typically acts on disputes relating to real estate transactions, and offers complementary expertise in insolvency and asset tracing. (**Chambers Global 2020**)

Christopher Jenkins is always available and responsive. (**The Legal 500 Caribbean, 2020**)

Christopher Jenkins is regarded as a sound choice for high-value commercial litigation. His practice has a strong emphasis on insolvency and real estate litigation. Fellow practitioners agree that he is one of the leading lawyers in the market. (**Chambers Global 2019**)

Christopher Jenkins is particularly noted for his expertise in insolvency, shareholder and construction disputes. Interviewees highlight him as a responsive and "***very good younger lawyer.***" (**Chambers Global 2018**)

Market sources view Chris Jenkins as a "***very impressive***" litigator and one of the firm's most notable talents. He has particular experience in insolvency and construction cases. (**Chambers Global 2017**)

## Background & Qualifications

Christopher read law and history at University College London in the UK, graduating in 2000, before undertaking the Legal Practice Course at BPP Law School, London in 2001.

Christopher completed a two-year training contract with Masons Solicitors (now Pinsent Masons), in London, qualifying into the construction litigation department in 2004.

## Memberships & Professional Affiliations

- The Bahamas Bar Association
- INSOL

## News & Articles

International Law Office, 2009 - Revisiting the Data Protection Act 2003