

Biography



Phillip Kite

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Expertise

Litigation & Insolvency, Investigations, Corporate crime and fraud, Restructuring, Distressed funds, International Arbitration

Phillip Kite is a partner in the Litigation & Insolvency and Restructuring team based in our British Virgin Islands office. He helps clients win complex, high-profile and high-value cross-border commercial litigation and contentious insolvency matters.

He is an experienced BVI litigator with significant offshore insight and is able to advise clients from all angles, having been involved in most of the largest litigation and insolvency cases in the BVI for over 20 years. He regularly acts on matters before the BVI Court of Appeal and Privy Council.

He specialises in fraud and shareholder disputes and contentious trusts and probate. An expert in enforcement, he provides advice on all aspects of obtaining interim relief in aid of foreign arbitrations, asset-tracing and preservation and foreign judgments.

Phillip's approach makes him very easy to work with as he is confident, calm and straight to the point.

Creating value beyond legal solutions is also key to the relationships he builds with clients and, where appropriate and beneficial, he will often connect them with other key contacts.

Phillip is able to assist law firms in pitching for BVI work with insight into the latest trends and decisions in the BVI Court system.

His opinions and comments on related offshore news, legislation and cases can be found on the Offshore Litigation Blog and he is also a contributing editor to British Virgin Islands Commercial Law, Sweet & Maxwell. He is a solicitor advocate and a member of the Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners, the Chancery Bar Association and the Commercial Bar Association.

Recommendations

- **Who's Who Legal 2024:** Phillip is recommended in the "Commercial Litigation - British Virgin Islands" Advisory guide.
- **Who's Who Legal, 2023:** Phillip is currently recognised as a Thought Leader in the GIR - Asset Recovery guide; and a Global Leader in the Commercial Litigation guide.
- **Who's Who Legal, 2023:** Phillip has been recognised as a Global Leader in the Investigations guide.
- **Chambers and Partners, 2022:** Phillip is ranked for his Commercial Litigation expertise.
- **Who's Who Legal, 2019-2022:** Phillip has been recognised as a Global Leader in the Asset Recovery guide.

- **Chambers and Partners, 2021:** Phillip is ranked for his BVI Dispute Resolution expertise. Clients say, "He is a very wise and insightful litigator."
- **Legal Week , 2020-2021:** Phillip is recognised as a "Private Client Global Elite".
- **Legal 500, 2019, 2020 & 2021:** Phillip is recognised as a "leading individual".
- **Chambers and Partners, 2020:** Phillip is ranked for his BVI Dispute Resolution expertise.
- **Citywealth:** Phillip is recognised as a leading lawyer in the private client space.

Bar Admissions

- Anguilla 1998
- British Virgin Islands 1997
- England and Wales (not practising) 1992

Education

- Chester College of Law 1990
- University of Birmingham (LLB) 1989

*“Phillip "really
impresses”*

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