



GAVIN DINGLEY

Year of Call

2024

Practice Profile

Gavin Dingley is a dual-qualified Advocate and Barrister with a commercial practice focused on high-value and strategically complex disputes. Practising from Edinburgh and London, he is trusted by leading solicitors, in-house counsel, and international firms for his commercially astute advice, effective advocacy, and cross-border capability.

He has particular expertise in shareholder and partnership disputes, breach of directors' duties, company law claims, and contractual litigation, especially where interim remedies are required. He is regularly instructed in applications for interdict, freezing orders, and urgent interim relief in support of litigation or arbitration. Gavin also has extensive experience dealing with jurisdictional and forum disputes, enforcement of foreign judgments and awards, and claims involving competing or parallel proceedings in multiple jurisdictions. His clients include private equity firms, multinational businesses, commercial lenders, and high-net-worth individuals.

Gavin frequently appears in the Court of Session and Sheriff Courts across Scotland, and is also called to the Bar of England & Wales and has rights of audience before the DIFC, practising from Five Paper Chambers in London. Solicitors value his ability to act decisively and pragmatically in fast-moving commercial situations, particularly where complex procedural or jurisdictional issues arise between the Scottish and English courts.

He is widely instructed in cross-border and institutional arbitrations under ICC, LCIA, SCC, SIAC, DIAC and UNCITRAL rules. His arbitration work includes disputes arising in the energy, infrastructure, sports, and commodities sectors, often involving parties and governing laws from the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. He is also experienced in arbitration-related court applications, including anti-suit injunctions, interim measures, and enforcement proceedings.

Gavin's wider commercial practice encompasses breach of fiduciary duties, restrictive covenants, commercial fraud, and cross-border asset recovery. He is increasingly instructed in Scottish group litigation, where his experience in large-scale collective actions in England and Wales, most notably his involvement on behalf of former professional rugby players in the ongoing concussion litigation,

brings significant strategic and procedural value. Gavin regularly advises on multi-party claims, case management strategy, and cross-border coordination, and is often brought in to assist foreign counsel or litigation funders navigating UK procedural frameworks. His dual qualification enables him to transfer litigation expertise seamlessly across jurisdictions and to deliver commercially focused solutions in multi-forum disputes.

Appointed as Standing Junior to the Advocate General for Scotland (2024-2028), Gavin also has an active public law and regulatory practice. He is often asked to advise on sanctions and challenges to planning applications and regularly appears in judicial review, statutory appeals and human rights-based proceedings concerning immigration, detention, sponsor licensing, and public procurement both for and against the Government. His public law work often engages retained EU law, devolution issues, and the interface between administrative and commercial law.

Gavin acts for both pursuers and defenders across a broad range of personal injury matters, including employer's liability, road traffic accidents, industrial disease, and fatal accident inquiries. He is known for his forensic analysis, strategic approach, and ability to put vulnerable witnesses at ease while maintaining firm and effective cross-examination. Drawing on his experience in high-profile litigation, including acting for former professional athletes in complex brain injury claims in England & Wales, he brings a calm authority to cases involving sensitive medical evidence and technical expert material. Solicitors instruct him for his clear, practical advice and assured courtroom advocacy in cases ranging from routine claims to those involving life-changing injuries and reputational risk.

Education & Professional Career to Date

Education:

LLM (International Law), SOAS University of London, 2016
Graduate Entry LLB (Hons), City University of London, 2014
BA (Hons), University of Exeter, 2012

Scholarships and prizes:

Master of Laws - LLM (International Law)
Honourable Society of Inner Temple, Rachel Lawrence Pupillage Scholarship
Sir Joseph Priestly Scholarship
ICLR Pupillage Scholarship - Shortlisted
The International Bar Association Scholarship (International Criminal Law)
Sir Geoffrey Nice Bursary, The Honourable Society of Inner Temple
2nd Place at The Times/One Essex Court Law Awards
SOAS Academic Postgraduate Scholarship Award for LLM (full-fee scholarship)
Kalisher Advocacy Scholarship

Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC)

Dean's Award Scholarship (full-fee scholarship)
The International Bar Association Scholarship, Vienna Annual Conference
Winner of the International Bar Association Magna Carta Essay Competition
Human Rights Lawyers' Association Bursary
Finalist, Clifford Chance Intelligent Aid Essay Competition

Bachelor of Laws - Graduate Entry LLB (Hons)

Winner of the International Marcianum Moot, representing the Honourable Society Inner Temple
Honourable Society of Inner Temple, BPTC Major Exhibition Scholarship

Winner of the Holman Fenwick & Willan LLP - Global Lawyer Essay Competition

Professional career:

Gavin commenced practice as a Scottish Advocate in June 2024. Prior to his call, Gavin practised and continues to practise as Barrister at the Bar of England and Wales. Prior to commencing practice at the Bar, he gained experience at South Africa's premier law firm: Webber Wenzel and at Mishcon de Reya LLP in London. In addition, Gavin acquired international experience working on human rights and prison reform in Africa at the Zambian Law Development Commission and as a legal assistant for Julian Burnside OA QC in Melbourne, Australia.

Appointments

- Standing Junior to the Advocate General for Scotland (2024–present)
- Sports Resolutions Pro Bono Panel (2019–present)
- Specialist Extradition Crown Prosecutor (CPS) (2019–present)
- Specialist Regulatory Advocate in Health & Safety and Environmental Law (C-List) (2018–present)
- Serious Fraud Office Disclosure Counsel Panel (2018–present)
- Treasury Solicitors' Immigration List (2018–present)
- Home Office Appeal Review Panel (2018–present)
- Attorney General's Civil Panel Scheme (Junior Junior) (2016–present)

Selected Cases

- **International Arbitration**
- **Swiss Arbitration Centre - (Value 500,000)**
Swiss arbitration proceedings against parties involved in a citizenship by investment scheme (Zurich)
- **GAFTA Arbitration - (Value \$750,000)**
GAFTA arbitration proceedings against importer and exporter of grain (London)
- **LCIA Arbitration - (Value 12,000,000)**
LCIA arbitration proceedings representing the Claimant in an import/export dispute (London).
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- **Sports Law**
- **Court of Arbitration for Sport - Football transfer related disputes**
CAS 2022/A/8689 (Lausanne)
CAS 2022/A/8616 (Lausanne)
CAS 2021/A/8020 (Lausanne)
CAS 2020/A/7442 (Lausanne)
- **EFL Club v EFL Club, Rule K Arbitration, The Football Association, London.**

Rule K - Football transfer related dispute

- **Anti-doping**
CAS 2021/A/8247 (Lausanne)
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- **Public Inquiries**
- **The Infected Blood Inquiry**
Junior Counsel, (2020 - 2022)
- **Under Cover Police Inquiry**
Junior Counsel, (2018 - 2019)
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- **Professional Discipline**
- **Behzad Tavakoli v General Medical Council**
- **XYZ v Disclosure and Barring Service [2024] UKUT 85 (AAC)**

Areas of Practice

- Commercial
- Personal Injury
- Public Law

Publications & Seminars

Estoppel in International Arbitration - Jus Mundi, June 2021

<https://jusmundi.com/en/document/wiki/en-estoppel>

SOAS Law Journal, SOAS L.J. 2017, 4(2), 143-152 Title: Playing musical chairs with international justice: evaluating the appointment of judges ad hoc in proceedings before the International Court of Justice'

Keep Calm Talk Law Blog, February 2016 "Raising the Dead - Lord Janner"

<http://www.keepcalmtalklaw.co.uk/rising-from-the-dead-the-trial-of-lord-janner/>

The Times, November 2015 Title: Does Europe need a new legal framework to tackle mass migration? https://www.oelaw.co.uk/images/uploads/documents/2._Gavin_Dingley_Essay.pdf

Human Rights Lawyers' Association Journal 2015 'Case Comment: Karsten Kaltoft'

<https://www.hrla.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/The-Young-Human-Rights-Lawyer-2015-1-YHRL.pdf>

The International Bar Association Human Rights Committee Newsletter, 2015 'Selecting a clause from the Magna Carta, discuss how it is still relevant today'

African Arbitration Association - 2020 Annual Conference (speaking engagement)

Invited as a Panel Speaker on High-Tech in International Arbitration and its Risks (speaking engagement)

Junior Lawyers Division Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire 2020 (speaking engagement)

Directories

The Legal 500: Tier 4 - Leading Junior for Sports Law (2023)

Additional Information

Other Qualifications:

SCC Foreign Arbitrators Diploma (2023)

Certificate in International Sports Arbitration, Malaysia - AIAC (2021)

CEDR - Certified Civil & Commercial Mediator (2020)

FCI Arb - Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2019)

The Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, Italy -

16th Specialization Course in International Criminal Law: The International Criminal Responsibility of Non-State Actors (2016)

Teaching:

The Bar Council - BPTC Ethics Examination question writer (2019-2020)

Additional:

Gavin is empanelled as an independent Legal Chair/Arbitrator for 15 different domestic and international Sports Governing Bodies. This includes Scottish Gymnastics, Fédération Internationale de Volleyball, the International Boxing Association and Paddle UK to name a few.