

Tim Prudhoe KC

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2026 Legal 500 London Bar â?? Offshore â?? ranked Silk (via 3 Hare Court).

2026 Legal 500 Rank 1 Caribbean-wide, *â??you want in your corner for any hard fought or messy disputeâ?•;* Guyana, *â??combines deep local knowledge with an international outlookâ?•*; St Kitts and Nevis *â??a respected trial lawyerâ?•*; Turks and Caicos Islands *â??brings a wealth of commercial disputes experienceâ?•.*

â??â?¦*operates a stellar disputes practice across the Caribbeanâ?¦one of the regionâ??s most prominent advocatesâ?•* (Dispute Resolution, Chambers Directory 2025, Caribbean-wide)

â??Tim Prudhoe stands head and shoulders above other advocates in the Caribbean. His questioning in cross-examination is like a knife through butterâ?• Dispute Resolution, Chambers Directory 2025, Turks & Caicos Islands.

â??â?¦a compelling advocate â?? regularly appearing before the Privy Council â?? whose cultural fluency and strategic approach set him apart in Caribbean litigation. He is a strategic player, and has a keen sense for optics.â?• (Legal 500, English Bar, Offshore, 2026))

â??â?¦unfazed by pressure and able to deliver top advice; he also has a strong commitment to justice and equality, which makes him a great pleasure to work with.â?• (Legal 500, Cross-Caribbean Expertise, 2026)

â??Tim takes on a wide range of cases â?? large and small â?? and has no concern about taking cases that might be unpopular. He relishes controversial issues and does not shy away from politically sensitive cases. The type of lawyer to have in your corner when the chips are down.â?• (Legal 500, Cross-Caribbean Expertise, 2026)

â??A very pragmatic and business driven approach to dealing with casesâ?¦.straight to the heart of the matter and solve the problemâ?• (Legal 500, Turks and Caicos Islands, 2026)

*â??â?¦a top-tier lawyer with an impressive litigation practice across the Caribbean, which includes significant activity on the Turks and Caicos Islands archipelago*â?• (Dispute Resolution, Chambers Directory 2025 Turks and Caicos Islands)

With a background in practice at the English Bar (London and Manchester) across a wide range of court work, Tim has been a court advocate and arbitration lawyer across the Caribbean for over twenty-five years; appearing in every level and type of court, including the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Both his offshore and onshore practice includes sanctions issues.

He heads up the firmâ??s cross-border disputes practice. He is a licensed Insolvency Practitioner (Turks and Caicos Islands), and a Fellow of INSOL.

After completing pupillage with a prestigious London Barristersâ?? chambers with a specialism in divorce and related issues for UHNWIs across many and varied jurisdictions, he was originally in practice at the criminal Bar. Timâ??s work focus is court, across wide areas of law. In addition to high value commercial litigation, he heads a team of experienced public and constitutional law litigators with a track record of significant success both at trial and on appeal in many groundbreaking cases across courts throughout the Region: same-sex rights, *habeas corpus*, immigration and nationality, litigation funding (leading to the introduction of legal aid in the Turks and Caicos Islands) asylum and constitutionally protected rights to equality and the right to travel.

He has deep experience in the strategic aspects of preparing for, running, winning and sometimes simply *avoiding* â??bet-the-companyâ?• disputes. As part of the firmâ??s leadership, he understands the need to deliver a commercial approach to busy co-counsel and end-user clients. Where settlement is the best outcome for a client, he is used to finding the pressure points needed for delivery of that outcome. He is widely known for his dispute work involving governments.

He also has experience of offshore digital assets issues. Including regulation and related enforcement.

Tim has given expert evidence many times in a wide range of onshore jurisdictions on issues including arbitration and arbitrability, statutory interpretation, economic torts, limitation and calculation of damages. Also, corporate insolvency issues, trustee duties, choice of law and jurisdiction provisions, directorsâ?? duties, confidentiality legislation and judgment enforcement. His expert evidence has been given in the context both of litigation and arbitration. Jurisdictions in respect of which he has recently testified include BVI, England & Wales, Nevis and Guyana.

His â??big ticketâ?• contentious insolvency experience includes the Baha Mar resort in The Bahamas. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

His Death Row work has included the USA (Texas) and the Caribbean region.

Tim relishes â??pointy-endâ?• court work and related litigation. He is a member of the of the Human Rights and Rule of Law Committee, Commonwealth Lawyers Association.

Select Engagements

- Public law proceedings over of legislation impacting the fossil fuel industry (Guyana)
- Constitutional proceedings over guaranteed right to clean environment (Guyana)
- Judicial review of regulatorâ??s grant and intended renewal of extraction licence â?? petroleum (Guyana)
- Declaratory proceedings on breach(es) of the Turks and Caicos Islands Constitution as to protected rights (Section 7, equality before the law; Section 9, private and family life; Section 16(3) protection against discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation) in respect of immigration exemption refusal for same-sex spouse of TC Islander
- Judicial reviews on behalf of 33 rejected Islander Status applicants (Turks and Caicos Islands)
- Judicial review of banking regulator and related civil claims resulting from regulatory steps taken against a bank (Nevis)
- Unlawful means conspiracy, shareholder / members register rectification proceedings (Nevis)
- Pre-action (aka â??Norwich Pharmacalâ?•) and specific disclosure applications in respect of corporate service providers / registered agents (BVI, Nevis, TCI)
- Receivership and trustee advice in the context of judicial dissolution of a Nevis entity as migrated from elsewhere and facing possible judgment enforcement issues from onshore proceedings (Nevis)
- Declaratory proceedings in respect of disputed acts of trustee and registration, assignment and enforcement in respect of security over land (Nevis)
- Proceedings against an investment fund for misrepresentation and unfair prejudice of shareholders (British Virgin Islands)
- Freezing and enforcement proceedings, cross-border, at both first instance and on appeal in the first injunction application in BVI after the *Black Swan* decision overturned in the Privy Council by the *Convoy Collateral Ltd v. Broad Idea International Ltd* appeal and before the BVI statutory amendments expressly providing for injunctive relief in support of foreign proceedings (BVI and English Commercial Court)
- Disputed winding-up petition of a regulated financial services institution, now public law (judicial review) proceedings to which that entity a party (Nevis)
- 40+ related proceedings with 39 parties in respect of land fraudulently conveyed. Issues of legal standing, corporate capacity, vicarious liability for the fraud of government officials and evidence on commission (Montserrat)
- White-collar crime (attempt to pervert the course of justice, jury trial acquittal) (St Kitts)
- Proceedings to suspend practising lawyer, ongoing (St Kitts)
- White-collar crime and money laundering, ongoing (St Kitts)
- Forfeiture (proceeds of crime) proceedings, ongoing (St Kitts)
- Russian sanctions, advising in respect of applicability and effect of same in the context of a finance structuring involving a share pledge in favour of a sanctioned lender (British Virgin

Islands and several onshore jurisdictions involved)
- *Habeas corpus* proceedings arising from unlawful detention during the COVID-19 pandemic (Turks and Caicos Islands)
- False imprisonment claims for 13 unlawfully detained illegal entrants (Turks and Caicos Islands)
- Expert witness (including deposition and court evidence) in various onshore proceedings, including arbitration.
- Committee of Inspection (aka Creditorsâ?? Committee) SSL liquidation, Jamaica

Credentials

- Anguilla
- Belize
- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- Dubai, DIFC
- England & Wales
- Gibraltar
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Montserrat
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Turks & Caicos Islands

Education

Manchester University, LLB

London University, Queen Marys, LLM

Eugene Dupuch Law School, The Bahamas, Legal Education Certificate (from the Council of Legal Education)

INSOL, Global Insolvency Practice Course (Fellow)

Professional & Community Involvement

Examples of reported cases (public and constitutional law / appeals):

- Kajeepan and others v Been, Director of Immigration and another [2021] 3 LRC 270, (2020) 97 WIR 521
- Alhashash v Been, Director of Immigration and another [2022] 5 LRC 113, (2022) 100 WIR 640
- In the matter of an application of James Gale [2023] 5 LRC 559
- Haymon and another v Been (in his capacity as the Director of Immigration and another [2024] 3 LRC 331 (same-sex marriage, first instance)
- Darren Singh v LMCS Ltd [2024] UKPC 5
- Sankar v Wilson another [2025] 1 LRC 361
- Haymon and another v Been (in his capacity as the Director of Immigration and another (2025) 107 WIR 545 (same-sex marriage, Court of Appeal)

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Fellow

Rules and Practice Committee, Guyana Bar Association

Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners (fiduciary structures: trusts and foundations)

Commonwealth Lawyers Association

INSOL, Fellow

COMBAR

Chancery Bar Association

Company Law Advisory Committee, Turks & Caicos Islands

OECS Bar Association

Human Rights and Rule of Law Committee, Commonwealth Lawyers Association

Recent writing and speaking engagements:

STEP Caribbean Conference, â??The Great Debate: the concept of trust is deadâ?•, St Lucia, April 2026

World Bank, Caribbean Roundtable event on insolvency, *Peer-t0-Peer Reports (Turks and Caicos Islands)*, Baha Mar, The Bahamas, 9 December 2024

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