



## Tim Prudhoe

### Description

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*“...he knows and understands the Caribbean in a way that some other English barristers do not”.*  
(Legal 500, English Bar, Offshore, 2025 rankings)

Band 1, Dispute Resolution, Chambers Directory 2025 Turks and Caicos Islands (*“...a top-tier lawyer with an impressive litigation practice across the Caribbean, which includes significant activity on the Turks and Caicos Islands archipelago”*)

Individually ranked (1 of 4 practitioners), Dispute Resolution 2025, Chambers Directory, Caribbean-wide (*“...operates a stellar disputes practice across the Caribbean...one of the region’s most prominent advocates.”*)

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

He heads up the firm’s cross-border practice, including the Guyana office. He is a licensed Insolvency Practitioner (Turks and Caicos Islands), and a Fellow of INSOL.

After completing pupillage with a prestigious London Barristers’ chambers, originally in practice at the criminal Bar. Tim’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.

He has deep experience in the strategic aspects of preparing for, running, winning and sometimes simply *avoiding* “bet-the-company” disputes. As part of the firm’s leadership, he understands the need to deliver a commercial approach to busy co-counsel and end-user clients. 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 corporate insolvency issues, trustee issues, choice of law and jurisdiction provisions, directors’ duties, confidentiality legislation and judgment enforcement.

His “big ticket” contentious insolvency experience includes the Baha Mar resort in The Bahamas. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

His public law work has covered a wide range of judicial review and constitutional issues. His Death Row work has included the USA (Texas) and the Caribbean region. Tim relishes that which is described as “pointy-end” 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

- INTERPOL “red notice” and related extradition and nationality / citizenship issues throughout the Caribbean
- Extradition proceedings (from Belize to Mexico)
- Unlawful means conspiracy, shareholder / members register rectification proceedings (Nevis)
- Standing of third parties to administrative law proceedings in light of legislation impacting the fossil fuel industry (Guyana, remaining on appeal)
- Insolvency proceedings for liquidators variously in the British Virgin Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, Dubai DIFC (on behalf of British Virgin Islands’ liquidator)
- 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)
- Belize litigation and corporate advisory (economic substance and common reporting standards issues; onshore regulatory enquiries)
- Acting for corporate claimant (fraud victim) in respect of recovery of development land (47 related proceedings and 39 parties). Issues of legal standing, corporate capacity, vicarious liability for the fraud of government officials and evidence on commission (Montserrat)
- 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
- Proceedings brought by beneficiaries relating to discretionary trust (Monaco and Hong Kong)

- Defending proceedings brought by the trustee against a beneficiary in respect of disclosure for onshore proceedings (Turks and Caicos Islands)
- Defending registered status of bank security in respect of valuable beachfront and counterclaims for declaratory relief on the basis of proprietary estoppel (“monies-had-and-received”) (Turks and Caicos Islands)
- Anti-suit proceedings in the insolvency context (Nevis)
- Anguilla corporate and related cross-border lending security and corporate capacity issues in the context of sanctions
- Defending proceedings in the British Virgin Islands Commercial Court against an investment fund for misrepresentation and unfair prejudice of shareholders
- Successful claims (first instance, appeal heard and judgment pending) for declarations of breach(es) of the Turks and Caicos Islands Constitution as to protected rights (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. Appeal in respect of undecided Section 7 equality before the law, and cross-appeal by Government on still-unremedied declarations of breach. With Nadia Chiesa on appeal.
- Wide-ranging dispute between largescale employer and sub-contractors relating to terms of engagement and conditions of work; forfeit of share options in the context of allegations of dishonesty (Bermuda and other jurisdictions)
- Judicial reviews on behalf of 13 rejected Islander Status applicants (Turks and Caicos Islands)
- Judicial review of suspension of passports granted to economic citizens, including damages claim for resulting loss of business due to impeded travel (St. Kitts)
- Judicial review of banking regulators of St. Kitts and Nevis and related civil claims resulting from regulatory steps taken against a bank
- Judicial review of regulator’s grant and intended renewal of extraction licence – petroleum (Guyana)
- *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)
- Obtaining the first 8 grants of asylum (1 from the Minister, 7 on appeal to The Governor) in the history of the Turks and Caicos Islands
- Expert witness (including deposition and court evidence) in various onshore proceedings
- Committee of Inspection (aka Creditors’ 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
- Darren Singh v LMCS Ltd [2024] UKPC 5
- Sankar v Wilson another [2025] 1 LRC 361

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:

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

Co-presenter, STEP BVI, “*Case Update in the Era of Sanctions Sledgehammer*”, 28 September 2023

October 2024 – Counsel magazine (pages 41-43) “*Change. Delivered. Strategically*” [Change. Delivered. Strategically. | COUNSEL | The Magazine of the Bar of England and Wales](#)

September 2023 – Counsel magazine (pages 46-49): “*The Sri Lanka 7*” [covering issues of *habeas corpus*, false imprisonment, refugee designation, asylum and constitutional protections] [The Sri Lanka 7 | COUNSEL | The Magazine of the Bar of England and Wales](#)

March 2023 – Gore Browne on Companies, Special Release: “*Stranger than fiction: the FTX cross-border insolvency saga*”

March 2023 – Commonwealth Law Conference (Commonwealth Lawyers Association), Goa, India: “*Refugee rights after COVID – do they still exist?*”

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