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Andrew Stafford KC is an English barrister and King's Counsel who represents corporations and ultra-high-net-worth individuals in complex, high-value disputes spanning multiple jurisdictions.

Admitted to practice in England & Wales, the British Virgin Islands (BVI) and the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts, Mr. Stafford KC has deep experience acting in matters that have elements across key onshore and offshore jurisdictions, including the UK, the U.S., the BVI, Dubai, Hong Kong, São Paulo and Seoul.

He has particular expertise in international judgment enforcement, developing and executing strategies designed to secure effective collection of arbitral awards and judgments, including awards made against sovereign judgment debtors. In addition, Mr. Stafford KC's expertise is of great value to high net-worth individuals needing advice in relation to complex problems and disputes affecting their assets, reputation and liberty.

A highly regarded appellate advocate and trial lawyer, Mr. Stafford KC appears in the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, and acts in international arbitrations on a range of matters, including financial derivatives, insurance and international commercial fraud.

With a focus on devising creative solutions to seemingly intractable problems, he has been cited by industry publications as "a really good lateral thinker" and "a great tactician" with "fantastic courtroom demeanor."

Before joining Kobre & Kim, Mr. Stafford KC practiced as barrister at Littleton Chambers and 4 New Square.

Admissions

- Barrister, England & Wales
- Barrister, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (British Virgin Islands)
- Dubai International Financial Centre Courts

Education

- Trinity Hall, Cambridge University, MA

Select Engagements

International Judgment Enforcement & Offshore Asset Recovery

KOBRE & KIM

- Representation of Chevron in the successful enforcement of an investment treaty arbitration award against the Republic of Ecuador for US \$100 million+ (with interest). Kobre & Kim's efforts in executing an enforcement strategy, including asset tracing, efforts to identify seizure targets and the service of numerous discovery requests, culminated in Ecuador's paying Chevron the entirety of the original award plus interest.
- Representation of an international shipping company in the enforcement of a US \$75 million arbitration award, which involved litigation in the UK and contemplated action in Greece and several offshore jurisdictions, resulting in a successful settlement for the client.
- Representation of NTT DoCoMo Inc., Japan's predominant mobile telephone provider, in enforcing a US \$1.2 billion London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) arbitration award against Tata Sons Ltd., the holding company for India's top business conglomerate Tata Group.
- Representation of a major energy company in resisting enforcement of a fraudulent multibillion-dollar judgment, with strategies and litigation spanning three continents.

International Arbitration

- Acting for a U.S.-based hedge fund in its investment treaty claim against the Republic of Korea.
- Acting for a large Brazilian petrochemical company before the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA).
- Acting for a hedge fund in successfully challenging an adverse International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration award on grounds of serious irregularity.

Special Situations Disputes

- Representation of a client in nine figure USD audit negligence claim against a major accounting firm based on fraud and misconduct in connection with Hong Kong company.
- Acting in €700 million Commercial Court litigation arising out of alleged misselling of Euribor swaps.
- Representing special-purpose vehicles in defense to a £150 million claim brought by junior creditors in complex banking litigation arising out of international property financing and refinancing.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Law360, International Arbitration Section, Advisory Editorial Board Member
- London Court of International Arbitration, Member
- COMBAR, Member
- Professional Negligence Bar Association, Member
- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association, Member

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Publications & Presentations

- Author, "Fiduciary Duties: Directors & Employees" (*Jordan Publishing Ltd.*, March 2015)
- Contributing author and editor, "Transfer of Undertakings" (*Sweet & Maxwell*, 2015)
- Member of Advisory Board, *Gore-Brown on Companies*
- Contributing author and editor, *Atkins Court Forms on Employment*
- Speaker, "Navigating Cross-Border Insolvencies Involving Cryptocurrency: Addressing Fraud and Maximizing Recovery" (*Global Restructuring Review*, May 2022)
- Co-author, "How Immune are State Agents from Foreign Courts?" (*Law360*, November 2021)
- Co-author, "Technology & the Law: When Worlds Collide" (*New Law Journal*, October 2021)
- Author, "Collecting Investor-State Awards" (*International Comparative Legal Guides*, November 2020)