# Amita Chohan

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## OVERVIEW

Amita is a dedicated litigator and commercial chancery barrister, focusing on dispute resolution, domestic/cross-border insolvency, and general commercial work. She regularly represents a diverse range of clients (onshore and offshore), including insolvency professionals, companies, trustees, directors, asset-based lenders, and banks. Amita provides comprehensive legal support on issues such as insolvency, cross-border issues, company law, fraud title disputes, misrepresentation, and professional negligence. Her experience extends to advising on insolvency procedures, antecedent transactions, and directors' disqualifications.

Clients turn to Amita for her strategic and diligent approach to complex insolvency matters, and banking and finance litigation. She has experience in navigating both domestic and cross-border asset tracing, disputes arising from insolvent mutual and private equity funds, asset, and security recovery in foreign jurisdictions (including BVI, Cayman, and the U.S.), and international fraud and financial crime cases.

Amita's practical experience is bolstered by her previous offshore practice in Jersey (Channel Islands) and before that at a large global law firm headquartered in the U.S. Additionally, she has experience in complex and high-value commercial, insolvency, and trust litigation, both onshore and offshore.

Amita holds leadership and committee positions within key international organizations in the global insolvency community including Co-Chair of IWIRC Europe and previously as Technical Co-Chair on the Organising Committee at INSOL International. Amita is also a member of the Organising Committee for IWIRC Europe's 2026 Annual Congress, a member of IWIRC International's Board for 2026 and a member of IWIRC International's New Networks Committee. Through these positions, she helps shape strategic initiatives, contributes to thought leadership, and promotes cross-border collaboration across the insolvency and restructuring field. She is also a regular speaker at leading industry conferences, including INSOL, where she shares insights on insolvency and litigation trends.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Acting for the joint liquidators of JJW Limited (registered in Guernsey, in liquidation) in an appeal arising out of the long-running BVI liquidation of MBI International & Partners. The Court of Appeal set aside the High Court's order that equitable compensation of c.€67m be paid to the BVI liquidators by JJW Limited (and another appellant on a joint and several basis) and confirmed that a director remains subject to continuing fiduciary duties post liquidation (when transferring assets owned by that company) on the basis that the director is an

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"intermeddler." The Court of Appeal's decision bears wider significance as it was based on English authorities, though it concerned a BVI company (*Mitchell v. Al Jaber* [2024] EWCA Civ 423, [2024] BCC 934).

- Acting for the first and second defendants in Business and Property Courts proceedings arising out of a £5.75m unsecured trust investment into a UK student accommodation project. The claim involves allegations of deceit, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of trust and unlawful means conspiracy, and raises issues concerning trust administration, alleged conflicts of interest and the classification of a loan as "low risk", in a multi-jurisdictional context (BL-2025-000163: *APIC Trustees Limited & Anor v. Ranger & Ors*).
- Acting for the defendants in English High Court litigation arising out of a dispute concerning phantom equity entitlements under a long-term incentive plan following a corporate transaction. The proceedings involve contested issues as to the construction of the plan and award documentation, the circumstances in which awards may be cancelled or forfeited, the determination of fair market value on a change of control, and the extent to which fiduciary duties constrain the exercise of discretion under incentive arrangements. (LM-2025-000039: *Metzger v Blankfactor Group Holdings Limited* and another).
- Acting for two partners in a renewable energy investment company in English court proceedings against two former partners for breaches of partnership and fiduciary duties.

## AWARDS

- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, Rising Star (2025)
- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, Finalist, Rising Star (2024)
- The Women and Diversity in Law, Finalist, Rising Star (2024)

## TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Financial Services Litigation
- Insolvency Litigation
- International

## ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bankruptcy + Restructuring
- Financial Services Litigation
- Insolvency Litigation
- International
- Litigation + Trial

## PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Professionals (INSOL)
- Member, International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC)
- Steering Committee member, IWIRC Europe
- Volunteer, Royal Courts of Justice Citizens Advice & Law Centre
- Technical co-chair, INSOL Channel Islands (Guernsey) Seminar (2024)
- Firm Pro Bono attorney

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

**EDUCATION**

- The University of Law, Birmingham, The Bar Professional Training Course, 2013
- The University of Warwick and Warwick Business School, B.A. (Hons), 2012

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

- England and Wales

**LANGUAGES**

- Hindi
- Gujarati

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator, "The Modern Agent and Trustee: Enforcement, Restructuring and Creditor Complexity," American Bankruptcy Institute: International European Insolvency Symposium 2026, November 4, 2026.
- Speaker, "Penalty Shootout: Rising Stars Go Head-to-Head," INSOL International New York City Seminar, June 24, 2026.
- Speaker, "Fraud & Fromage: A Criminally Good Tasting Experience," INSOL International Channel Islands Seminar, September 10, 2025.
- Speaker, "A Review of Where We Are on Director's Liabilities," FIRE Channel Islands & Isle of Man, June 18, 2025.
- Panelist, "The Lifecycle of an Insolvency," Thought Leaders 4 FIRE Summer School, Downing College, Cambridge University, August 28-30, 2024.
- Panelist, "Lux Restructuring – The "New Toolkit" in Insolvency," IWIRC, June 20, 2024.
- Speaker, "Practicalities of Disclosure and E-Discovery," August 23-25, 2023.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Wrong Doctrine, Right Result—Preclusion Versus 'Rooker-Feldman'," *The Legal Intelligencer*, November 14, 2025.
- Co-author, "Gamesmanship and Weaponizing the Automatic Stay—A Cautionary Tale for Debtors," *The Legal Intelligencer*, August 1, 2025.
- Author, "Fireside Chat," FIRE Magazine, September 2024.
- Author, "Pecking Order," *India Business Law Journal,* January 15, 2020.