

## Marc Abrahams

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Clients rely on Marc for his adept handling of complex insolvency issues and international disputes, highlighted by his significant role in the high-profile Afren plc collapse and a multimillion-dollar arbitration for a Russian-owned entity.

### OVERVIEW

Marc brings a deep understanding of both contentious and non-contentious insolvency law, encompassing corporate restructuring and personal insolvency matters. He is adept at handling commercial disputes and international arbitration under LCIA and ICC Rules. Marc represents a diverse array of clients, including insolvency and turnaround professionals, directors, companies, asset-based lenders, banks, and fixed charge/LPA receivers.

Clients turn to Marc for guidance on formal insolvency procedures, security review and enforcement, asset realization, commercial and financial litigation, antecedent transactions investigations, directors' disqualifications, cross-border issues, and business and asset sales. His practical experience is reinforced by his notable secondment to the Royal Bank of Scotland, where he honed his skills in customer workouts and security recoveries.

Clients often highlight Marc's ability to navigate complex insolvency and restructuring cases effectively. They benefit from his strategic advice and solutions, particularly in high-stakes situations such as the collapse of Afren plc, the administration of major high street retailers, and multimillion-dollar shareholder disputes. Marc's approach ensures they can achieve favorable outcomes in challenging scenarios.

Marc's comprehensive understanding of the financial landscape and diligent client service make him a vital asset for those facing critical insolvency and restructuring issues. He leverages his broad experience, including acting for turnaround investment funds and restructuring sports teams like the London Broncos Rugby League football club, to deliver optimal solutions for his clients.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- **High Street Retailer Administration:** Advised the administrators of a significant high street retailer on the sale of its UK and European businesses, ensuring business continuity and saving numerous jobs during the process.
- **Afren plc Collapse Litigation:** Represented and advised the former management regarding claims following the collapse of Afren plc, navigating complex insolvency laws and safeguarding the client's interests against significant claims.

- **LCIA Shareholder Dispute:** Acted for a Russian-owned BVI company in a multimillion-dollar shareholder dispute under LCIA Rules, resulting in a favorable outcome that underscored the firm's prowess in international arbitration.
- **Equitable Winding Up Application:** Represented a minor shareholder in an unfair prejudice petition/equitable winding up application of a substantial property company, securing a just resolution in a contentious corporate dispute.
- **VAT Fraud Litigation:** Managed the case for the liquidator of a company involved in a wide-scale, high-value VAT fraud across multiple jurisdictions, demonstrating the firm's expertise in handling complex, cross-border financial fraud matters.
- **Turnaround Investment Fund Restructuring:** Counseled a turnaround investment fund on restructuring companies and acquiring assets out of administration, ensuring profitable investments and successful company rehabilitations.
- **Sports Club Restructuring:** Worked on the restructuring of the London Broncos Rugby League football club, showcasing significant adaptability and negotiation skills to achieve the sustained financial viability of the sports entity.

These matters illustrate Marc Abrahams' extensive experience in both contentious and non-contentious insolvency law, as well as his capability in handling high-stakes commercial disputes and international arbitration.

## AWARDS

- Recognized, Global Restructuring Review 100 (2019, 2021-2024)

## TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

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

## ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

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

## PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, INSOL Europe
- Member, R3, The Association of Business Recovery Professionals

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Secondment to Royal Bank of Scotland, Customer Workouts and Security Recoveries

## **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### **EDUCATION**

- University of Manchester, B.A., 2002
- College of Law, Stotes Street, 2004

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- England and Wales, Solicitor 2006