



# Dr Zhen Ye

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## Commercial

Zhen Ye's busy commercial practice focuses on disputes arising from commercial contracts, insolvency proceedings and company law. A significant proportion of the matters in which she acts raise questions on the application of commercial and contract law to complex, multi-party arrangements.

## Commercial litigation and contractual disputes

Zhen frequently acts in cases with an international element, and is instructed as both sole and junior counsel. She has a particular interest in cross-border commercial disputes and international arbitration, having studied competition law and financial regulations in a comparative context, and being involved in several international arbitration cases.

### Recent and ongoing cases

**Acting for the franchisor:** in a multi-jurisdiction franchise dispute involving allegations of fee violations and breaches of contract. Led by David Parratt KC.

**ATI & EC Ltd:** Advising the client on challenging an LMAA's award under section 67 of the English Arbitration Act 1996.... Led by David Parratt KC.

**GLAS SAS (London Branch) v. European Topsoho SARL and Ors:** Commercial court claim by a trustee against the issuer of €250m Secured Exchangeable Bonds, claiming breach of a failure to pay on the maturity date. The underlying dispute concerns a battle for the control of a high-brand fashion company listed on Paris Euronext. Led by Francis Tregear KC.

**GLAS SAS (London Branch) v. European Topsoho SARL and Ors:** in an Application for Norwich Pharmacal Order. Led by Seb Oram

**Phones 4U Limited v. EE Limited & Ors:** Zhen as instructed by Mischo de Reya acting for Telefonica to assist in a junior capacity assisting in relation to proceedings brought by Phones 4U Limited (In administration) alleging conspiracy between EE, Vodafone, Telefonica and their parent companies (at the relevant time).

**Toucan Energy Holdings Limited Toucan Gen Co Limited v Wirsol Energy Limited [2021] EWHC 895 (Comm); [2021] 4 WLUK 35:** Zhen as instructed by Enyo Law to assist in a junior capacity in relation to the litigation of a dispute worth £7,000,000 within the context of the telecoms industry.

## Company Law

Zhen regularly acts in complex corporate disputes, representing clients in contentious matters such as shareholder disputes, directorial breaches, and corporate governance challenges.

## Recent and ongoing cases

**SX-v- [M]QM (1); and CTMH Ltd (2) & Ors:** Defending a complex unfair prejudice petition which sought changes to the company management arising from allegations of corporate misconduct. Led by David Berkley KC.

**Partnership Dispute:** advising in a partnership dispute over cross-border joint ventures.

**Unfair Prejudice Petition:** Successfully acting as sole counsel for the petitioner in an Unfair Prejudice Petition in the High Court.

## Insolvency and restructuring

Zhen accepts instructions in a range of corporate and personal insolvency matters, with experience of acting for insolvency practitioners, directors, creditors, debtor companies, and trustees in bankruptcy.

### Recent and ongoing cases

**Injunctions:** Successfully acting as sole counsel for the applicant in an Application for injunctions to restraint presentation and advertisement of winding up petition

**Assets realisation:** Successfully acting for the joint trustees in bankruptcy in proceedings to realise assets in the bankruptcy estate

**Statutory demand:** Successfully acting as sole counsel for a debtor in an Application to set aside statutory demand

**IVAs:** Advising debtors in relation to potential IVAs

## Articles

*Valbonne Estates Ltd v City Value Estates Ltd*

Dr Zhen Ye has analysed the impact of this property dispute between two property developers, owned by members of the same ultra-orthodox Jewish community, over a failed purchase of the Beckton Arms in East London.

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## Recommendations

"A heartfelt thank you for your exemplary handling of my dispute.  
Your meticulous preparation and command of the brief was masterful"

**Client**

## Academic qualifications

- BPTC, BPP Law School, London
- GDL, BPP Law School, London
- PhD, Financial and Securities Regulation, Cambridge
- MPhil Development Studies, Cambridge
- LLM Competition Law, University College London

- LLB, Jilin University, China

## **Professional bodies**

- Chancery Bar Association
- Property Bar Association
- Technology and Construction Bar Association
- Society of Construction Law
- Inner Temple