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Expertise and Practice

Chris Atkinson is a determined litigator with experience of a wide variety of international commercial disputes. He focuses on cross-border claims and investigations, mostly involving banks or other financial institutions.

Chris often works in multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional teams of lawyers, accountants, experts and other professionals on complex cases of high value.

Project Highlights

Chris's experience includes:

- ***Banco Santander Totta v Companhia Carris De Ferro de Lisboa SA & Ors***
Represented four Portuguese transport companies in a claim brought by a Portuguese bank in relation to nine interest rate swap transactions. The case was worth approximately €1.5 billion and was the first to be heard in the Financial List of the Commercial Court (*Banco Santander Totta SA v Companhia de Carris de Ferro de Lisboa SA and others* [2016] EWHC 465 (Comm), [2016] EWCA Civ 1267).
- ***Al Gosaibi Family & Group (AHAB)***
Representing AHAB, a Saudi Arabian partnership, in relation to an intricate, multi-jurisdictional settlement process involving more than 140 claims worth approximately US\$6 billion. It is hoped the settlement will be the first scheme under Saudi Arabia's enforcement rules.

Career

Chris joined Lipman Karas in 2012 after completing his training contract at Withers. Before qualifying as a solicitor, Chris was a journalist for six years, working at two national newspapers.

Qualifications

- GDL, College of Law Bloomsbury (2009)
- Bachelor of Science (Joint Honours: Philosophy and Politics), University of Bristol (2003)

Admissions

- Solicitor, England and Wales (2012)

Industry and Community

- Member, Financial Services Lawyers Association
- Member, International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)