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BIOGRAPHY

Joby has more than 25 years litigation experience working in the UK. He is skilled in all large-scale commercial disputes, high profile, high value and complex pieces of litigation and arbitration.

He works on high-end mandates and he combines in-depth technical expertise with well-honed litigation skills in cases which include representing Tata Consultancy Services in a technical and factually complex breach-of-contract claim (listed in The Lawyer as one of its Top 20 cases for 2023).

Joby has worked with a series of clients including, national airlines, national utilities companies including Thames Water and National Grid and hospital and health providers in PPP contracts with governments here and around the world.

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EXPERIENCE

- Acted successfully for Tata Consultancy Services, a global leader in IT and consultancy services, on a dispute regarding a high value, long term outsourcing agreement with the Disclosure and Barring Service. The case was featured in *The Lawyers Top 20 cases of 2023*, and the 7-week trial is one of the biggest IT trials of recent years.
- Advised National Grid, the UK energy provider, in a follow-on action in the High Court for 275 million damages against 20 defendants across 8 countries. The claim followed on from a Decision of the European Commission which exposed a long standing and secretive cartel. National Grid claimed damages due to overcharges made by the cartelists who supplied National Grid with Gas Insulated Switchgear, a major component for power substations. The case was described by the Financial Times as the biggest cartel damages action to surface in the English courts. The case was recognised with a number of high-profile industry awards including Global Competition Review's *Cartel Prosecution Litigation of the Year 2015*.
- Acted on behalf of a hedge fund in its successful defence of an application by a minority of limited partners seeking the winding up of an exempted limited partnership established in the Cayman Islands. The loss in the value of the fund on early termination was conservatory estimated as being in the region of USD 400 million. The successful judgment was obtained following a 12-week trial.
- Acted on behalf of the owners and operators of one of the largest household waste biofuel plants in the UK in group actions brought by individuals claiming damages for odour nuisance.
- Acted for a UK regulated utility company on a procurement dispute arising out of a challenge to the awarding of a contract underpinning a major infrastructure projects. The dispute had the potential to significantly disrupt the completion of the project as well as causing significant reputational damage due to the high profile nature of the project in question. The dispute was successfully resolved and the challenge withdrawn.
- Acting for an international provider of healthcare services in a PPP contracts dispute concerning the delivery of healthcare system including the construction and operation of two new state of the art hospitals.
- Acted for one side of the Ackerman family in the breakup of their substantial property empire. The dispute centred on allegations of unauthorised business dealings by the other side of the

family and the actions of an expert appointed to oversee the separation of the Group and involved a 2 week expedited High Court trial.

- Acted for a Premier League football club in their disputes with the Football Association and FIFA over compensation to be paid following one of their players being injured playing for the National team at the World Cup. An extremely high profile case, followed by a negotiated settlement, which led to the introduction of compulsory insurance being put in place by FIFA at these tournaments.
- Acted for an AIM listed investment company against an investment company in successfully obtaining an apology, retraction of false allegations and recall of a report the investment company had prepared and distributed. The false allegations concerned suggestions of corporate misfeasance by the client which as well as being defamatory and highly damaging, it also threatened to potentially undermine its ability to move to full list.
- Acted for a Swiss based trust in contractual claims for compensation from a state owned Russian airline company following the sale of an aeroplane. The case involved complex issues of Russian law on actual and ostensible authority to execute agreements. The case settled on confidential terms following exchange of witness statements.
- Acted for a global power company in a contract dispute about the terms of a partnership to acquire a Bulgarian electricity generating power plant. The claim was successfully settled.
- Acted for Thames Waters against Vennsys who had a multi-million pound exclusive contract to install smart water meters. Extricating this contract for Thames was essential due to AMP5/AMP6 regulatory targets being at significant risk and the entire smart reading roll out programme. A highly visible case within Thames Water and amongst their shareholders. It was resolved successfully with termination of the contract in question and simultaneously concluding new short-term non-exclusive contracts with other third parties for the supply and installation of the meters.

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