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Vishnu is developing a broad practice across all of Chambers' main areas, with a particular focus on commercial litigation, group actions, and banking and financial services.

During pupillage Vishnu assisted members of chambers by helping to draft advices, pleadings and producing research notes in matters including the Post Office Inquiry, the Next Equal Pay Litigation, and a number of other commercial and civil fraud claims. He also acted in several cases in his own right across a number of County Courts.

Vishnu graduated with an MA in Classics from Queens' College, University of Cambridge. He then read the GDL at City University, and the BTC at BPP.

Prior to joining Chambers, Vishnu was a Harold Fox scholar of Middle Temple, for which he spent 10 months working at Stockwoods Barristers LLP, in Toronto, Canada. He worked closely with the commercial partners on cases of fraud, insurance, and company law. He also co-authored a paper on defamation law, which was delivered at the Law Society of Ontario Symposium.

Vishnu then undertook a 6-month placement at a leading litigation firm, where he worked on multiple group actions, developing his expertise in this core practice area of Chambers.

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Commercial

As a pupil, Vishnu gained experience in various commercial matters, including:

- Advice on various commercial issues with proposed actions arising out of a regulatory offence
- Advice on a claim involving potential breaches of the Quincecare Duty
- Advice on the merits of a multi-million pound breach of guarantee/indemnity and drafting the particulars of claim
- Varied research on an action under the Companies Act 2006 and Insolvency Act 1986 for alleged fraudulent trading between connected companies (one of The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases of 2024)

Group Actions

As a pupil, Vishnu gained experience in various group actions including:

- The DPF claim
- A proposed environmental-waste nuisance claim
- The NEXT Equal Pay Litigation

Prior to joining chambers, Vishnu gained experience in further group actions at a leading litigation firm.

Banking, Finance & Consumer

As a pupil, Vishnu gained experience in a wide range of banking, finance and consumer matters including:

- PPI, solar panels, and motor finance matters
- Advice on the merits of an appeal to the Court of Appeal arising out of the construction of provisions of the CRA 2015, and drafting the grounds of appeal and skeleton argument

He has also had a co-authored (with Thomas Evans) article published in the Journal of International Banking and Financial Law on the proposed amendments to the Payment Services Regulations.

Company, Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Vishnu is developing a practice in the field of company, insolvency and bankruptcy. During pupillage he assisted with claims under the Companies Act 2006 and the Insolvency Act 1986.

He has recently assisted with seeking permission to appeal from the Court of Appeal, regarding an aspect of unlawful means conspiracy in this area.

Insurance

Vishnu is developing a practice in this area, having gained a great deal of experience during pupillage. Most

recently he assisted with subrogated recovery claim, which involved issues of jurisdiction, coverage, third-party rights in contract, foreign law issues, and the application of the Third Party (Rights Against Insurers) Act 2010.

Public & Regulatory

Vishnu gained experience in public and regulatory matters as a pupil including:

- Advice on issues arising from a Rule 9 disclosure request before the Post Office Inquiry
- Drafting written submissions arguing that an Inquest should be carried out in accordance with the State's obligations under Article 2 ECHR

Arbitration

Vishnu is building a practice in arbitration, and as a pupil assisted in multiple commercial arbitration matters under various rules, and issues arising from the Arbitration Act 1996. He also assisted with an Appeal to the Court of Appeal concerning a BIT Arbitration Award made against the Czech Republic.

Publications

- Evans, T., and Patel V., "Amendments to the Payment Services Regulations to Combat Authorised Push Payment Fraud", Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Finance Law (2024) 7 JIBFL 460 (Banking and financial services)

Education

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- BTC, BPP University
- GDL, City University
- M.A. (Hons), Classics, University of Cambridge (Queens' College)

Scholarships

- Harold G. Fox Scholarship (Middle Temple)
- Lord Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)