

Joseph Lewin

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Joseph helps clients dealing with high value disputes, with a particular focus on commercial and insolvency litigation and international arbitration. Joseph has a wealth of experience advising a broad range of clients, including listed companies and high net worth individuals.

Joseph is a Partner in Dorsey's London office, who focuses on commercial litigation and arbitration, particularly high value cross border dispute resolution and litigation in the technology and insolvency/restructuring sectors.

During his career, he has been involved in many of the leading cases before the English courts, including the high profile Commercial Court litigation brought by the Tchenguiz brothers in the wake of the SFO's dawn raids following the collapse of the Icelandic bank Kaupthing, and Slater & Gordon UK 1 Ltd v. Watchstone Group Plc, brought by the listed Australian law firm following its purchase of Quindell.

Joseph joined Dorsey & Whitney in 2017, having trained at Simmons & Simmons LLP.

Joseph was featured as a "Next Generation Partner" in Legal 500 for 2026.

Select Experience

- Tchenguiz & others -v- Grant Thornton UK LLP & others: acting for Grant Thornton in the defence of two high profile claims brought by the Tchenguiz brothers in the Commercial Court.
- Advising in relation to the administration of Inland Homes, a large British house builder and developer, including advice on maximising recovery across the group's complex network of developments.
- Slater & Gordon (UK) 1 Ltd -v- Watchstone Group Plc: Defending a listed public company in a high profile £637 million claim for fraudulent misrepresentation and breach of warranty arising out of a sale of a number of its operating subsidiaries, and its counterclaim, leading to a successful settlement that was described by Legal Business Magazine as "a significant victory".
- Otello Corporation ASA -v- Moore Frères & Company and Last Lion Holdings Limited: Acting for listed Norwegian software company Otello in its successful High Court

Education

- BPP Law School, London (Graduate Diploma in Law, 2008)
- SOAS University of London (Diploma in Japanese, 2007)
- Exeter University (B.A., English, 2005)
 - First Class, with Dean's Commendation

Bar Admissions

- England & Wales

action arising from Moore Frères' attempts to block Otello from selling its minority shareholding in Last Lion for \$53 million, with the case heard to an expedited timetable, with trial on liability ending under three months after commencement.

Accolades

- Recommended by Legal 500 (2026) as a Next Generation Partner in Commercial Litigation
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Insights

July 20, 2026

Litigation Privilege Does Not Automatically Protect Communications with Funders: The Commercial Court Clarifies the Limits of Privilege in the Context of Litigation Funding

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Privilege and In-House Communications: What Aabar v Glencore Means for In-House Legal Teams

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Commercial Court Documents to Be Made Publicly Available: What Practice Direction 51ZH Changes from January 2026

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Drafting Default Interest Provisions

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The Emperor Has No Privilege: Privy Council Rejects the Shareholder Rule

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Court of Appeal Rejects the Concept of "Floating Jurisdictions"

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Google's Most Valuable Asset? Well-Drafted Exclusive Jurisdiction Clauses: The English High Court Grants Anti-Enforcement Relief Against Russian Judicial Overreach

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Al Sadeq v Dechert & Ors and the Crime-Fraud Exception to Legal Professional Privilege

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Joseph Lewin Comments on COVID Lockdown Lost Income Coverage Claims

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Court Ordered ADR in Commercial Disputes: The Court of Appeal's Pivotal Decision in Churchill v Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council