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Vondez has a civil practice which focuses primarily on Business and Property matters, and investigations and inquiries. He has a busy paper-based practice, and regularly appears before County Courts and the Companies Court, and has appeared in the High Court as sole counsel. Vondez is regularly instructed by small and medium enterprises, commercial and residential landlords, local authorities and individuals.

Vondez is known for his detailed knowledge of the law, forensic case preparation and sensible and practical advice to clients. He has been described by a high court judge as an “extremely impressive” advocate who “has a strong future at the Bar”.

Business Law

Contractual Disputes

Vondez is experienced in business-to-business and business-to-consumer contractual disputes, and is frequently instructed to advise, draft pleadings and represent clients in matters involving:

- Complex issues of construction of contractual documents;
- Formation of contracts, including acceptance by conduct;
- Commercial and other agents, including claims for commissions;
- Misrepresentation;
- Unfair terms in consumer contracts, and Consumer Rights Act claims;
- Sale of goods and supply of services;
- Jurisdictional issues;
- Guarantees; and
- Multiple remedies, including specific performance and injunctions;

Company and Partnership

Vondez's practice encompasses matters involving alleged breaches of fiduciary or statutory duties by directors, shareholder rights and remedies, the disqualification of directors, and the restoration of companies to the Register of Companies.

Debt and Insolvency

Vondez regularly appears in the Companies Court and County Courts, representing clients in debt-related and corporate insolvency and individual bankruptcy matters. He regularly advises, drafts pleadings and represents clients in matters involving:

- Money claims;
- Winding-up and bankruptcy petitions, including restraining the presentation of a petition based on disputed debts in statutory demands;
- Mortgage possessions;
- Debt recovery by way of charging orders and orders for sale;
- Enforcement issues, including applications for committal.

Banking and Finance

Vondez is currently assisting the Dame Linda Dobbs Review in considering whether the issues relating to the HBOS Reading scandal were investigated and appropriately reported to authorities at the time by Lloyds Banking Group, following its acquisition of HBOS.

Professional Negligence

Vondez also advises, drafts pleadings and represents clients on matters including allegations of professional negligence.

Inquests & Inquiries

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Vondez is instructed by the UK Covid-19 Inquiry on Module 10 of the Inquiry, which is examining the impact of Covid on the population of the United Kingdom with a particular focus on key workers, the most vulnerable, the bereaved, mental health and wellbeing. He was also instructed by this Inquiry to assist on the first module which examined the UK's resilience and preparedness for the pandemic.

Qualifications & Awards

- LLB, University of London (First Class)
- BPTC, Kaplan Law School (Very Competent)
- LLM, Jurisprudence and Human Rights, QMUL (Distinction)
- Lord Denning Scholar, Lincoln's Inn
- BPTC Scholarship, Kaplan Holborn College
- LLM Laws Prize, Queen Mary University of London