




## HARRY EDWARDS

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Harry is a partner in our award-winning Banking Litigation practice in the UK and leads our UK class actions practice.

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## BACKGROUND

Harry has a First Class degree in Jurisprudence from University College, Oxford and qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales in 2007.

Harry trained with Herbert Smith Freehills in London and was promoted to partner in 2015.

## KEY SERVICES

[Dispute Resolution](#)  
[Financial Services Regulatory](#)

## KEY SECTORS

[Banks](#)  
[Banks and other Financial Institutions](#)

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## EXPERIENCE

Harry helps clients (primarily large investment and commercial banks) with heavyweight banking litigation matters and complex, strategically critical disputes as well as regulatory enforcement matters. He has extensive experience in advising issuers and financial advisor banks on class actions and leads our UK practice. He has recently acted on two of the biggest financial cases in the English courts: The Libyan Investment Authority v Goldman Sachs and The Lloyds/HBOS Shareholder Litigation.

His team is ranked in the first tier for banking litigation in *Legal 500* and *Chambers & Partners*. It has also won several awards in recent years, including the Financial NewsFinancial Litigation Team of the Year in 2013 and 2015.

Harry is an expert in claims involving securitisations and other complex derivative products. He is leading the firm's thought leadership on the litigation and regulatory risks arising from IBOR discontinuation. He has also advised various banks on the close-out of their derivative and other open positions facing Lehman-related entities.

He has written extensively on finance-related litigation, is co-author of the English law chapter of the *Securities Law Review* (Law Business Research) and is one of the authors of *Class Actions in England and Wales* (Sweet & Maxwell). Harry is described as "extremely hard working and clever", "a strong litigator with a deservedly rising profile" (*Legal 500*), "a star in the making" who "works hard and provides really inventive and thoughtful input on cases" and "responsive, tactical and engaged with a genuinely impressive ability to grasp complex detail" (*Chambers & Partners*).

Harry is a trustee of Steel Warriors, a charity that aims to reduce the number of young people carrying knives in the UK. It builds outdoor calisthenics gyms from the steel recycled from melted down knives confiscated from the street.

Harry's experience includes:

- successfully defending Goldman Sachs in a US\$1.2 billion claim brought by the Libyan Investment Authority ([2016] EWHC 2530 (Ch)) in relation to a series of equity derivatives transactions, featuring allegations of undue influence and unconscionable bargain
- advising Lloyds Banking Group and its former directors on a shareholder action (under a group litigation order) arising from the acquisition of HBOS at the height of the financial crisis, alleging breaches of duty in relation to the recommendations and disclosure given to shareholders in the circular
- advising Quindell in relation to a threatened claim under s90A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000
- advising UBS on the regulatory enforcement action taken regarding trading losses of US\$2.3 billion caused by the activities of Kweku Adoboli, and helping the bank support the prosecution in his criminal trial
- successfully defending UBS in *Decura and others v UBS AG, London Branch* ([2015])

EWHC 171 (Comm)) relating to an alleged termination event under a joint venture agreement.