

ASSOCIATE

# Anita Franklin

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## PROFILE

Anita has extensive experience representing high-net-worth individuals, family offices, trustees, fiduciaries, and corporations in complex disputes. She has handled a broad range of matters, including breach of trust, negligence, fraud and money-laundering, asset forfeiture, accounting disputes, and regulatory investigations, as well as estate and probate issues. Her extensive trial experience includes advising clients across multiple jurisdictions, including the U.K., the U.S., the Middle East, Latin America, and offshore territories, and she also has experience handling matters in cross-border litigation.

Beyond her core practice in international private client disputes, Anita plays a pivotal role in commercial litigation and international arbitration proceedings, representing institutional clients in professional negligence and fraud matters, and navigating diverse regulatory environments.

Anita is recognized as a rising star in prominent legal directories including *Legal 500*, *Best Lawyers*, *Private Client Global Elite*, and *Spears*. She is a regular thought-leader speaker at global conferences and events, addressing critical topics such as reputation management and privacy, trust and estate litigation, and conflict resolution.

## EXPERIENCE

Anita experience includes:

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## EDUCATION

**Kaplan Law School, University of Law**, Legal Practice Course, *Distinction*

**University of Law, London**, Graduate Diploma in Law; Commendation

**University of Bristol**, BSc, Politics

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## ADMISSIONS

### Bars

Solicitor of England & Wales

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## AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Rising Leader, *Private Client Global Elite* (2022-2025)

Rising Star, *Spears Index* (2024-2025)

One to Watch, Private Client, *Best Lawyers* (2023-2025)

Key Lawyer, Contentious Trusts and Probate, *Legal 500* (2024-2025)

Recommended Lawyer, Contentious Trusts and Probate, *Legal 500* (2021-2023)

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- Representing an ultra-high-net-worth family in major proceedings against the trustees of Bahamian and Bermudan trusts for breach of trust and trustee removal in a long-running and high-value family dispute
- Representing a beneficiary of a BVI trust against an attack on its structure of the trust by reason of Ecuadorian matrimonial property rights in the first case to test the effectiveness of the BVI firewall legislation
- Representing numerous high-net-worth individuals to secure interim and injunctive relief against protectors and trustees of offshore trusts
- Representing trustees in asset forfeiture proceedings in connection with civil and criminal proceedings
- Representing beneficiaries of certain offshore trusts in respect of Subject Access Requests in the English Court of Appeal
- Representing a U.S. public audit firm in international arbitration proceedings in New York and the Cayman Islands in matters of audit and advisory work related to professional negligence and fraud
- Representing a U.S. public audit firm and individual professionals in connection with government investigations regarding matters related to SEC and PCAOB rules and regulations

## **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

Co-chair, International Women's Day, *Private Client Global Elite* (March 2023; 2024)

Co-presenter, Artificial Intelligence and the Impact on Private Clients, *Private Client Forum Americas, ALM* (February 2024)

Advisory Board, Minds of the Future, *Private Client Global Elite* (September 2023)

Chair, Knowledge is Power: Creating a Generation of Financially Empowered Women, *ThoughtLeaders4* (April 2023)

Co-author, Ask Not Tell: The Obligations of Trustees to Notify Discretionary Beneficiaries, *ThoughtLeaders4* (March 2023)

Co-presenter, The Arbitration of Trust Disputes, *Private Client Forum America* (February 2023)

Author, The Modern Relevance of a Trust, *Spears* (September 2022)

Author, Getting the Deal Through, *Private Client, Lexology* (2022)

Author, Can Trust Investments in Digital Assets and Cryptocurrency Markets Co-exist with the ESG Growth Trend?, *Private Client Global Elite* (June 2022)

Author, How the Rise of NFTs is Changing the World of Digital Investing, *Spears* (April 2022)

Co-presenter, Panama and Pandora Papers – Implications for Privacy and Disclosure, *Private Client Forum Americas, ALM* (February 2022)

Author, NFTs, Digital Art and Money Laundering, *ThoughtLeaders4* (February 2022)

Panellist, Rising Leaders After Global Conflicts, *One Young World* (October 2017)

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