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Sulman has a broad commercial practice spanning domestic and cross-border disputes, with particular expertise in civil fraud, urgent interim relief, international arbitration and offshore litigation. He rejoined chambers in 2026 after several years practising as an employed barrister at elite US law firms, including a secondment to a major investment bank, and at a leading offshore firm. He is also admitted as a barrister of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands. The 2026 edition of *The Legal 500* describes Sulman as '*very effective, hardworking, and intelligent*'.*

Sulman has extensive advocacy experience before domestic and offshore courts, as well as arbitral tribunals. He has acted for clients worldwide across a wide range of sectors, including banking and financial services, construction, cryptocurrency, energy and natural resources, healthcare, real estate, shipping, technology and telecommunications. He also has substantial advisory experience, including in relation to corporate, insolvency and restructuring, jurisdictional, M&A and regulatory matters.

His experience in chambers and employed practice, including on secondment, includes matters in which he:

- acted, led by Joseph Sullivan, in proceedings concerning the ownership of a number of supercars, involving allegations by the claimant of an underlying multi-jurisdictional fraud in excess of US$240m;
- acted, led by Charles Dougherty KC, for the defendant to a multi-million-pound claim for breach of directors' duties;
- acted for the claimants in an LCIA arbitration concerning claims in excess of US$50m for breach of exclusivity arising out of a proposed joint venture for EPC contracts in the MENA region.
- appeared, led by Michael Fay KC, for the appellant in a successful appeal to the Court of Appeal of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court against a decision of the BVI Commercial Court granting leave to commence a derivative action;
- acted in successfully setting aside *ex parte* freezing and proprietary injunctions and orders for administration *ad colligenda bona* before the BVI Commercial Court in a global dispute concerning a substantial estate;

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- acted for the claimant in obtaining a declaration that a private placement of shares in an NYSE-listed company was void on the basis that it had been effected for an improper purpose; and
- acted for a sovereign state in successfully resisting the partial enforcement in the BVI of a US$6bn ICSID award and securing the discharge of *ex parte* orders granting a provisional charging order and appointing a receiver.

* Quoted from client testimonials in the entry for Proskauer Rose LLP.

Education

- BA Jurisprudence, Brasenose College, University of Oxford
- Bachelor of Civil Law, Brasenose College, University of Oxford
- Master of Philosophy in Law, Brasenose College, University of Oxford
- BPTC, Cardiff University

Languages

- Conversational Urdu
- Punjabi

Admissions and Memberships

- Barrister, England and Wales (2016 call).
- Barrister, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, Territory of the Virgin Islands (admitted 2018).
- COMBAR
- Chancery Bar Association
- BVI Bar Association

Scholarships and Prizes

- Middle Temple Winston Churchill Scholarship (major BPTC award)
- Brasenose College Prize for Distinction in BCL
- Brasenose College Barry Nicholas Scholarship (BCL partial scholarship)

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