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"The client is really pleased with your work and so am I. We would like to be able to revert to you for advice on this matter when we hit a brick wall or need that special blend of London and East Caribbean knowledge that you possess in abundance."

— Instructing Solicitor

Practice Overview

Mikhail is a commercial and chancery barrister with over twelve years' post-qualification experience specialising in complex cross-border commercial disputes, offshore corporate structures, and international financial services. His practice encompasses commercial law, property law, landlord and tenant, insolvency (both personal and corporate), trusts, contract, and general civil litigation. He appears regularly in County Courts, tribunals, and the High Court in England and Wales, and has developed a reputation for strong advocacy, incisive legal analysis, and successful outcomes.

Mikhail is one of the first ten Chancery Bar Association Pro Bono Champions for 2025, being among the first to undertake three pieces of pro bono work for the CLiPS insolvency scheme. He is on the Attorney General's Junior Junior Panel and serves as Author and Editor for LexisNexis UK on Tolley's looseleaf titles covering Administration of Estates and Administration of Trusts. He is also a Contributing Author for International Trust Laws.

His practice is characterised by an ability to synthesise complex factual matrices and provide clear, commercially-focused advice. He is fully versed in all forms of ADR and accepts instructions in mediation and arbitration, both domestic and international. He has extensive experience obtaining emergency injunctions, including freezing orders, and undertakes drafting and advisory work within his practice areas across all jurisdictions in which he is admitted.

Mikhail's focus upon commercial litigation and the demands of high-net-worth clients has meant that many of his cases involve either an international or offshore element. He appears in the High Court and Court of Appeal in the Eastern Caribbean and is Chambers and Partners ranked for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. He is admitted to and practising at the Bars of the British Virgin Islands, St Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines, St Lucia, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, the Astana International Financial Centre, and the Abu Dhabi Global Market. He also holds the Legal Education Certificate (LEC), a credential which allows him to be admitted to the Bar of any Commonwealth Caribbean State as of right.

His main international focus is cases involving offshore companies, structures, and international contracts/arbitration, as well as enforcement of judgments. He regularly provides expert evidence on matters of Commonwealth Caribbean company and corporate law, and has developed particular expertise in asset recovery, tracing, and international judgment enforcement.

Mikhail was educated at the Saint Vincent Boys Grammar School, completed A-Levels at the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Community College (achieving As in Law and Psychology), his LL.B at the University of Wales (Cardiff) where he received the University Academic Award for EU Law and graduated in the top 10% of his class, the Bar Professional Training Course at City University Law School, and a Masters degree in Corporate and Insolvency Law at Nottingham Law School (Commendation). His dissertation examined "Corporate Rescue within the West Indies – The Canadian and English Approaches Contrasted and Applied."

He lectures in commercial law, advocacy, and professional ethics at the University of Greenwich and has consulted on model legislation for the Caribbean Community at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. He previously served as sole in-house counsel to the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL), the supra-national telecommunications regulator of five Eastern Caribbean states, and as Assistant Legal Officer at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London.

In his spare time, Mikhail is a 4th Dan (Master Grade) Taekwondo practitioner and was formerly world ranked—the first Vincentian to enter the finals of the Pan American Games (Toronto, 2015). He also holds a 2nd Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate. He coaches at Tan Gun Taekwondo (Blackfen, Kent) and St. Katts Taekwondo (White City, London), and has coached the national Taekwondo team of Saint Lucia and mentored grassroots martial arts programmes in St. Vincent and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Mikhail is a personable, confident, and energetic advocate who is efficient and unflappable. He enjoys a challenge and is a creative thinker whose strategy is always geared to the best solution for his client. He is an articulate, solutions-oriented communicator with a track record of rapport building across multi-disciplinary teams, stakeholders, and senior leadership.

Areas of Expertise

Insolvency

Mikhail has considerable experience of appearing in court and advising on a wide range of corporate and personal insolvency matters. He regularly appears before the Insolvency and Companies Court (ICC) Judges in the High Court, representing both petitioning creditors and debtors in high-value matters. He has developed particular expertise in cross-border insolvency issues arising from his multi-jurisdictional practice, and regularly accepts last-minute instructions in matters of urgency such as setting aside statutory demands and restraining presentation or advertisement of winding-up petitions.

He has expertise in enforcing personal guarantees, indemnities, and security, and provides fast-turnaround advice and robust advocacy in hearings. His property litigation expertise enables him to handle the complex crossover involved in insolvency scenarios relating to property, including enforcement, disclaimer, landlord claims, and secured debts. Mikhail is part of the Chancery Bar CLiPS scheme and has volunteered pro bono on numerous occasions for those attending the insolvency courts without advice and representation.

"Your skeleton argument was excellent—clear, well-researched, and precisely on point. The judge referred to it approvingly throughout the hearing."

— Instructing Solicitor

Representative instructions include:

- Successfully arguing costs liability in Leytonstone Services Limited v Party Invitation Limited (CR-2023-000038) where a statutory demand was withdrawn at the eleventh hour—securing costs for the company based on the principle in *Re Cannon Screen Entertainment Ltd* that creditors who serve statutory demands do so at their own risk.
- Appearing in Ablegrip Ltd v Mhd Yousaf bankruptcy petition proceedings, examining limitation defences and the effect of deeds of guarantee on loan agreements spanning multiple years.
- Representing debtors in bankruptcy petition hearings (MD Azizur Rahman, Case No. 80 of 2022), advancing arguments on service of statutory demands and liquidity of debts.
- Advising data centre companies on cross-border insolvency and breach of contract disputes (Pappaya Limited), including force majeure and frustration defences in winding-up contexts.
- Advising and defending a high-profile Central London restaurant facing HMRC winding-up threats, ensuring withdrawal of proceedings and preserving the ongoing business.
- Challenging liquidators retaining €3 million against the largest offshore bank in the Vincentian jurisdiction.

- Acting as assistant liquidator to a licensed Turks and Caicos insolvency practitioner on voluntary liquidation of a holding company for a major international hotel brand.
- Appearing in disputed bankruptcy petition proceedings arising out of liability of directors under personal guarantees for significant debts.
- First application for recognition of a foreign liquidator under the Vincentian Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Digital Wings Limited [2017]).
- Advising Hogan Lovells (on behalf of a major boutique commerce house) on the state and applicability of insolvency regimes in Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, and Grenada.

Company and Commercial

Mikhail accepts instructions in all matters relating to company and partnership law, including shareholder disputes, derivative claims, and unfair prejudice petitions. He has a particular interest in claims involving breach of duties and fraud, and grounds such claims in insolvency routes where appropriate. His commercial practice centres on business and contractual disputes, covering misrepresentation and deceit, fiduciary duties, trusts and tracing, agency, restitution, sale of goods and supply of services.

His main international focus is cases involving offshore companies, structures, and international contracts/arbitration, as well as enforcement of judgments. He has advised major multinational clients including Google, Spotify, and Hogan Lovells on Caribbean transactions and regularly provides expert evidence on Commonwealth Caribbean company and corporate law.

"Mikhail's analysis of the fiduciary duty issues was exactly what we needed. He understood the commercial context and gave us practical advice we could act on immediately."

— Instructing Solicitor (Magic Circle firm)

Representative instructions include:

- Advising Google and Spotify on seller support contracts across multiple Eastern Caribbean jurisdictions including Saint Lucia, Grenada, and Saint Vincent.
- Advising Mishcon de Reya on SVG law regarding fiduciary duties for SVG-domiciled companies involved in a US\$40 million fraud (proceedings issued in England and Wales) (CL-2020-000712).
- Securing substantial damages in a High Court claim for a luxury watch retailer against a well-known electronic money institution, resulting in the release of significant frozen funds.
- Advising on complex intercompany structures holding Russian and Ukrainian assets, including SVG, SLU, and BVI transaction aspects.
- Advising a leading Russian-domiciled payment service provider on corporate structural issues in BVI, Nevis, and SVG.
- Providing legal opinions to crypto traders domiciled as LLCs/BCs in SVG and BVI.
- Advising a US holding company on the setup of a Class A International Bank, Class I International Insurance Company, and SVG-domiciled mutual fund.
- Advising on English law governed software license and implementation contracts, preparing correspondence for repudiation on account of material non-performance.
- Advising on the legality of a protector changing the proper/governing law of a Nevis trust to the Cayman Islands.
- Advised an Eastern European development bank on obtaining security on a Vincentian-registered ship.

Contentious Trusts and Estates

Mikhail acts as sole counsel in a diverse range of chancery matters, including trusts, wills, and probate disputes, with particular focus on complex trust restructurings and probate claims involving high-value estates. He has a strong track record of achieving dismissals and strike-outs in contentious probate and trust proceedings through clear, targeted advocacy.

Mikhail serves as Author and Editor for LexisNexis UK on Tolley's looseleaf titles covering Administration of Estates (Divisions G, J, E, I covering insolvent estates, cross-border estates, pensions, variations, real property, accounts, charities, and I(PFD)A 1975 claims) and Administration of Trusts (Division C on perpetuities, Division D on commercial property investment, AML, strategy, and private companies, and Division H on alternatives to litigation). He holds the Advanced Certificate in Trust Disputes from STEP.

Representative instructions include:

- Complex trust restructurings and contentious probate claims involving high-value estates.

- Acting for a Hong Kong-domiciled 'parent' trust beneficiary against Trustees operating out of Monaco—drafting witness statements and collating evidence.
- Providing substantive legal advice on formation, tax liability, incorporation, use/capacity, dissolution, and liquidation of international trusts and banks.
- Claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.
- Cross-border estate disputes where assets include land in the Caribbean.

Property

Mikhail has substantial experience within property litigation, regularly advising, drafting, and appearing in matters such as boundary disputes, trespass, easements, freehold and leasehold covenants, nuisance, rights of way, adverse possession, and compulsory purchase orders. He appears in both Courts and Tribunals in England and Wales and in the offshore Caribbean.

"I just wanted to drop you a quick note to express our gratitude for the first-class representation you provided us at the County Court today. This was a case that had extended far longer than anticipated, and your good work in the courtroom has provided a much needed resolution."

— Client feedback

He has developed a UK-facing practice dealing with co-ownership of a home or other property in non-marital relationships, proprietary estoppel, and undue influence under TOLATA 1996.

Representative instructions include:

- Successfully acting before the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) in *Tabassam v Manchester City Council* [2024] UKUT 93 (LC), an appeal concerning the 'reasonable excuse' defence under the Housing Act 2004—establishing that technical service failures can constitute a defence to civil penalties, with the FTT's decision set aside.
- Appearing in boundary disputes in the First Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) Land Registration Division (*Saadat Hussain v Shehla Sajid*, REF/2020/0013).
- TOLATA claims concerning constructive trusts, resulting trusts, and proprietary estoppel.
- Cross-jurisdictional disputes where assets include land in the Caribbean.
- Representing the Claimant in contested Part 8 proceedings for Section 15 TOLATA proceedings over a joint names property valued at £2 million.
- *Murtaza v First International Holdings Ltd* (PT-2022-000887)—directions hearing and application for relief from forfeiture under CPR 55.

Landlord and Tenant / Housing

Landlord and tenant work constitutes an extensive part of Mikhail's practice. He undertakes commercial and residential work on behalf of both landlords and tenants (including legally aided work for tenants). He has experience dealing with the creation of leases (both equitable and legal), all manner of issues appertaining to the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, and the forfeiture, surrender, and determination of leases.

He is regularly instructed to conduct cases relating to assured shorthold and assured tenancies, disrepair, the accelerated possession procedure, rent arrears, and Housing Act matters. He represents parties in diverse applications to the First Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber).

"Thank you ever so much for a resounding result. I am extremely pleased. Sometimes you just have to put it before a judge. I'm glad this one was a good call, thanks to you."

— Instructing Solicitor

Representative instructions include:

- Securing the strike-out of possession claims on account of Claimant non-attendance (Darcy Thomas, Claim No. J00BR543).
- Successfully negotiating significant rent arrears forbearance—reducing £17,500 arrears to £5,000 with suspended possession order (Makabukidi Siluabanza, K1PP1112).
- Appearing in possession hearings raising disrepair counterclaims and deposit protection issues under Housing Act 2004 s.214 (*Bassar v Onayinka*, J01RM779).
- Defending possession proceedings on grounds of invalid Section 8 and Section 21 notices, including technical challenges to gas safety certificate service under *Trecarrell House Ltd v Rouncefield* [2020] EWCA Civ 760.
- Drafting skeleton arguments for defendants in possession proceedings against major lenders, culminating in discharge of injunctions.

- Defending tenants against Ground 12 (breach of tenancy) and Ground 14 (nuisance/ASB) possession claims with detailed analysis of evidential requirements (K00CL754).
- Advising on disrepair counterclaims and quantum, applying Wallace v Manchester City Council principles to calculate diminution in value (Stephen Thompson advice).
- Housing cooperative membership disputes and the application of Southward Housing Co-Operative Ltd v Walker (Adam Binham, K00WI987).
- Secured for Appellant the discharge of fine for Improvement Notice by Manchester Council.

Civil Procedure and Applications

Mikhail has extensive experience in interlocutory applications and procedural matters across all courts. He regularly appears on applications to set aside default judgments, relief from sanctions applications under CPR 3.9 and the Denton test, summary judgment applications, and applications to strike out claims or defences. He is adept at preparing skeleton arguments and navigating complex procedural issues.

Representative instructions include:

- Successfully arguing set-aside applications under CPR 13.3, including Orient Property Services Ltd v Shahid Bholat (Claim No. 064MC214)—detailed skeleton arguments addressing prompt application, real prospect of success, and good reason for default.
- Applications for relief from sanctions under CPR 3.9, applying the Denton v White framework to breach of unless orders and late filings.
- Dismissal of set-aside applications where procedural requirements were not met (DDJ Leschallas, April 2022).
- Summary judgment applications in small claims and fast track matters.
- Appeals against procedural orders and suspension of possession warrants (K1PP1494—appeal against DDJ Chakravarty's refusal to suspend under AJA 1970 s.36).
- Applications to adjourn hearings and procedural case management (CCMC proceedings, Nessa v Davies, H00LU259).
- Relief from sanctions applications addressing witness statement compliance and deadline failures (Nira Bhasin, J00UB251).

Offshore Practice

Mikhail is qualified in a number of Caribbean jurisdictions and is able to appear in the courts of the British Virgin Islands, St Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines, St Lucia, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, and Barbados. His practice in those areas is primarily made up of property, corporate and commercial work, and insolvency proceedings. Mikhail regularly travels to the Caribbean to appear in courts there.

He is also able to accept instructions in the AIFC courts in Astana and the ADGM courts in Abu Dhabi, as well as cases proceeding in England and Wales with an offshore element. He is Chambers and Partners ranked for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Representative instructions include:

- Acting for respondent to a foreign freezing injunction (obtained in Russia, continued in England, and recognised in the BVI) on 2 BVI-domiciled companies holding property in Russia—drafting notice of application, witness statements, and settling skeleton arguments.
- Led junior on first reported case following the overruling of the 'Black Swan' injunctive relief route in the British Virgin Islands High Court and Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal (Commercial Bank of Dubai v 18 Elvaston Place BVIHCOM2020/0070).
- Advising on the likelihood of success of registering an English High Court injunction against a Saint Lucian offshore company.
- Providing substantive legal advice on formation, tax liability, incorporation, use/capacity, dissolution, and liquidation of international financial corporate vehicles (IBCs, international trusts, international banks) in SVG, SLU, BVI, and Saint Kitts.
- Acting for a Texan judgment creditor pursuing a US\$40 million judgment debt against a Trinidad company and its wholly owned subsidiary in the BVI—drafting affidavits and skeleton arguments with lead counsel.
- Represented clients at contentious hearings before all domestic courts and tribunals in Saint Lucia, Grenada, BVI, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and SVG.

Regulatory and Immigration

Mikhail has experience in regulatory appeals and immigration-related civil penalty matters. He has appeared in appeals against civil penalties imposed by local housing authorities and immigration enforcement penalties.

Representative instructions include:

- D & O Nail Spa Ltd v Secretary of State for the Home Department (J01RG805)—immigration enforcement penalty appeal under Section 15 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006, conducting cross-examination of the appellant and making submissions on statutory excuses and mitigation factors.
- Tabassam v Manchester City Council [2024] UKUT 93 (LC)—successful Upper Tribunal appeal establishing that failure to update Land Registry address constitutes reasonable excuse for non-compliance with improvement notice.
- Advising on HMCTS enforcement of confiscation orders including supervision pending payment orders, attachment of earnings, and third party debt orders (R v Richard David-Love, Case Ref: 2202156447).

Criminal

Although Mikhail's practice is primarily civil, he has considerable experience of criminal matters in the Eastern Caribbean, including money laundering, forfeiture and restraint, sentencing, and appeals.

Representative instructions include:

- R v Gellizeau Crim. App. 58 of 2013 (Court of Appeal): Money laundering, forfeiture, and restraint.
- R v Prince Yahweh Henry (sentencing) [2020]: Saint Kitts case—obtained a 3-year sentence for gross negligence manslaughter in unusual circumstances.
- DPP v Wells and Liddie [2020]: Representing a Defendant facing a death sentence, successfully arguing for a lengthy custodial sentence instead.
- Assisted in preparing materials for criminal appeal against sentence in the Turks and Caicos Islands Court of Appeal and Privy Council.
- Prepared and settled skeleton argument for bail application for murder in Anguillan proceedings.

Small Claims and Fast Track

Mikhail regularly appears in small claims and fast track trials, bringing the same rigorous preparation and advocacy to matters of all values.

Representative instructions include:

- Mary Adjei v Moses Bentum (H33YJ344)—small claims hearing enforcing Unless Orders and securing judgment where defendant failed to comply with directions.
- Ellie Cole v Lyndsay Dixon (F8EB564H)—road traffic accident liability trial, defending claimant through cross-examination on consistency of evidence.
- Jein Solicitors v A T Mohammed (H4QZ838T)—small claims trial for solicitors' fees with adjournment secured and costs awarded against defendant.
- Summary judgment applications in solicitors' fees disputes (J6QZ54V1).

Expert Witness

Mikhail is able to accept instructions as an expert witness for anyone requiring advice on the law in other jurisdictions where he is qualified. He can advise on the various methods of enforcing a judgment in the Eastern Caribbean and the correct procedure for each. Mikhail accepts instructions as a sole expert or single joint expert and is familiar with the requirements under CPR 35.

Representative instructions include:

- Providing expert evidence on Nevis law issues of civil conspiracy and unlawful means conspiracy, in the context of a US 1782 application.
- Advising English firms on the validity of contract assignments governed by SVG law and related fiduciary duty issues (CL-2020-000712).
- Prepared advice for English solicitor on likelihood of success of registering an English High Court injunction against a Saint Lucian offshore company.

Notable Cases

England and Wales

- *Tabassam v Manchester City Council* [2024] UKUT 93 (LC): Successful appeal before Upper Tribunal Judge Elizabeth Cooke establishing that technical service failures constitute reasonable excuse under Housing Act 2004. FTT decision set aside, no financial penalty payable.
- *Leytonstone Services Limited v Party Invitation Limited* (CR-2023-000038): Costs liability following withdrawal of statutory demand—established principle that creditors serve statutory demands at their own risk per *Re Cannon Screen Entertainment Ltd*.
- Successfully defended insolvency and breach of contract proceedings for a leading Indian data centre with an English subsidiary.
- Secured return of suspended funds to an English-domiciled luxury watch retailer against a popular electronic money institution in the High Court.
- Successfully argued for discharge of an injunction against a defendant against a Top 10 British Bank in possession proceedings.
- Successfully acting before the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) in an appeal concerning service requirements under the 'reasonable excuse' defence.
- Achieving successful outcomes in set-aside applications for default judgments under CPR 13.3.

Caribbean

- *Commercial Bank of Dubai v 18 Elvaston Place Ltd* BVIHCOM2020/0070: Led junior on the first reported case following the overruling of the 'Black Swan' injunctive relief route in the British Virgin Islands High Court and Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal.
- *Digital Wings Ltd v Lekeicha Caesar Toney et al* [2017]: First application for recognition of a foreign liquidator under the Vincentian BIA passed in 2015.
- *R v Gellizeau* Crim. App. 58 of 2013 (Court of Appeal): Money laundering, forfeiture, and restraint.
- *Hill Junke v Sea Grape Limited and others* [2022]: Successfully defended civil procedural appeal with costs awarded.
- *DPP v Wells and Liddie* [2020]: Representing a Defendant facing a death sentence, successfully arguing for a lengthy custodial sentence instead.
- *R v Prince Yahweh Henry* [2020] (sentencing): Obtained a 3-year sentence for gross negligence manslaughter in unusual circumstances.
- *SVGHCVAP 2021/001* (Civil procedural appeal): Defended civil procedural appeal with costs awarded.
- Currently instructed in the largest domestic/cross-border tax assessment appeal to the Privy Council arising out of proceedings in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Appointments

- Attorney General's Junior Junior Panel (2025–present)
- Chancery Bar Association Pro Bono Champion (2025) — One of the first ten barristers to be recognised for completing three pieces of pro bono work for the CLiPS insolvency scheme
- LexisNexis UK, Author and Editor – Tolley's Administration of Estates and Administration of Trusts (2025–present)
- LexisNexis Author – International Trust Laws
- CARICOM/BIICL Consultant – Model Corporate, Insolvency and Partnership Laws for the Commonwealth Caribbean Region (2021–2023)
- Visiting Lecturer, University of Greenwich – Commercial and Contract Law, Advocacy, Professional Ethics (2023–2024)
- Legal Counsel (Locum), Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL) (2017–2018) — De facto General Counsel from March to October 2018
- Assistant Legal and Programme Officer, Commonwealth Secretariat, London (2015–2017)
- Evaluator of the Seychellois Anti-Corruption Commission (2017)

Publications

Books and Looseleafs

- Tolley's Administration of Estates (LexisNexis, 2025–present) – Author and Editor
- Tolley's Administration of Trusts (LexisNexis, 2025–present) – Author and Editor
- International Trust Laws (LexisNexis) – Contributing Author
- Brooke's Notary, 14th Edition (Sweet & Maxwell) – Chapter on Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- The Asset Management Review, 8th Edition – Lead Author, Chapter on the Turks and Caicos Islands

Commonwealth Secretariat Publications

- Judicial Bench Book on Violence Against Women in Commonwealth East Africa (2017) – ISBN: 978-1-84929-161-3
- Common Law Legal Systems Model Legislative Provisions on Money Laundering (2016) – ISBN: 978-1-84929-150-7
- Changing the Law: A Practical Guide to Law Reform (2017) – ISBN: 978-1-84929-174-3
- Commonwealth Legislative Drafting Manual (2017) – ISBN: 978-1-84929-169-9

Articles and Presentations

- "Creative Solutions for a Liquidator Faced with Effective Asset Structuring" – CCBA Journal, Vol. 1 No. 2 (2020)
- "Court Appointed Receivers in the Eastern Caribbean – A Useful Enforcement Tool" – CCBA Journal, Vol. 1 No. 3 (2020)
- The Civil and Criminal Asset Recovery Framework – Presentation to Senior Nigerian Judges and Prosecutors (Lagos, May 2017)
- Cybersecurity in the OECS – CPD Presentation to the Saint Lucia Bar Association (June 2018)

Education

- INSOL International – Certificate in Asset Tracing and Recovery (October 2025 – March 2026)
- R3 Insolvency Boot Camp – 16 hours (October–November 2024)
- Legal Education Certificate – Eugene Dupusch Law School, Commonwealth of the Bahamas (2023)
- Postgraduate Certificate – Caribbean Community Law & The Caribbean Court of Justice (2022)
- Civil and Commercial Mediation (40 hrs) – Phoenix Dispute Resolution Ltd. (2022)
- Chartered Director (C.Dir) – Caribbean Corporate Governance Training Institute, Saint Lucia (2021)
- Certificate in International Investment Law and Dispute Resolution – BIICL, London (2020)
- Advanced Certificate in Trust Disputes – STEP, London (2019)
- Master of Laws (LL.M) Corporate and Insolvency Law (Commendation) – Nottingham Trent University (2015–2017)
- Bar Professional Training Course (Competent) – City University Law School, London (2011–2012)
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) Upper Second Class Honours (2:1 Division A) – University of Wales (2008–2011). Top 10% of class; University Academic Award (EU Law)
- Certificate in Business Management (Distinction) – UK Home Learning College (2010–2011)

Bar Admissions

Mikhail is admitted to practice in multiple jurisdictions across the Commonwealth Caribbean, the Middle East, and England and Wales.

- England and Wales – Bar of England and Wales (Middle Temple) (2012)
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines – Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (2013)
- St. Lucia – Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (2015)
- Grenada – Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (2015)

- British Virgin Islands – Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (2018)
- St. Kitts and Nevis – Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (2019)
- Antigua and Barbuda | Barbados | Republic of Guyana
- Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC)
- Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM)

Mikhail also holds the Legal Education Certificate (LEC), which allows him to be admitted to the Bar of any Commonwealth Caribbean State as of right.

Professional Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association (ComBar)
- Property Bar Association
- R3 – Association of Business Recovery Professionals
- OECS Bar Association
- Organization of Caribbean Bar Associations
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines Bar Association (Ex Officio Member)
- St. Kitts and Nevis Bar Association
- St. Lucia Bar Association
- Freeman of the City of London (October 2023) – Juror of the Guildable Manor of Southwark
- Liveryman, Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
- Associate, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Registration No. 31928)
- Associate Member, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (USA) (Registration No. 670088)
- UNODC Anti-Corruption Certified (2016)
- Member, The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Directory Rankings and Recognition

- Chambers and Partners – Ranked for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Chancery Bar Association Pro Bono Champion (2025)
- Attorney General's Junior Junior Panel (2025)

Additional Information

Languages: English (native), Spanish (fluent), French Creole (competent)

Technical Skills: Financial services regulation, negotiation, mediation, advocacy, research, case management, data analysis, stakeholder management, financial analysis

IT Skills: Microsoft Office, Nitro PDF Pro, PDF Expert, TSheets/QuickBooks

Personal Achievements

Mikhail is a 4th Degree Black Belt (Master Grade) in Taekwondo and was formerly world ranked. He was the first Vincentian to enter the finals of the Pan American Games (Toronto, 2015) and was nominated for Senior Sportsman of the Year 2014 in Saint Vincent.

He also holds a 2nd Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate and was a Gold Medallist at the Saint Vincent National Music Festival (Flautist, 2006).

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