

Legal Implications of Covid-19 for the Banking & Finance Sector



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The COVID-19 crisis is having a profound and rapidly evolving impact on the banking and finance sector. DIFC Academy in association with 3 Verulam Buildings Chambers proudly presents this webinar that will discuss the key legal and commercial implications for the sector, and will explore the possible areas of litigation, ranging from loan defaults through to the increased scope for fraud.

It will be of interest to all participants in the sector, including banks, insurers and asset managers.

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Since 2018 Sophia has acted for a Dubai-based defendant group in SKAT v Solo Capital Ltd & Ors, a multi-billion tax-fraud claim by Denmark’s tax authority. Acted for Sir Frederick and Amanda Barclay in urgent injunctions, and private and conspiracy claims against family members and a Barclay Group executive. Junior to Sir Ross Cranston in 2019 review of Lloyds’ handling of victims of criminal misconduct at HBOS. Obtained £14m judgment with Adam Kramer in Acorn UK Finance Ltd v Markel, insurance-fraud trial.

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