

# **Spring Law Newsletter**

Your Legal Edge in a Changing World

Dear Clients and Colleagues,

We're pleased to share a snapshot of our recent work across the courts, tribunals, and arbitration forums. These cases reflect our commitment to delivering strategic, effective legal solutions to businesses and individuals at home and abroad.

### **UK Supreme Court**

Hotel Portfolio UK II Limited v Stevens – We achieved a landmark victory in the UK Supreme Court. Representing an insolvent company and its liquidator, we argued a pivotal case on dishonest assistance and equitable compensation. The judgment significantly developed the legal principles surrounding proprietary rights, constructive trusts and fiduciary law.

### **Recent High Court Successes**

Topalsson GmbH v Rolls-Royce — Obtained a court order under the Hague Convention to extract evidence for use in foreign proceedings taking place in the Californian courts. We defeated complex arguments raised by the Defendant as to why the application should be set aside — demonstrating our firm's continued strength in cross-border litigation.

Hilco Real Estate Finance UK Limited v A Mackenzie (1), L Longley (2) and J Pitts — settled injunction application to remove a unilateral notice on title.

#### **Recent County Court Wins**

Rylands Garth v Will Green – Assisted in the successful defence of an ex-professional England rugby player against a law firm's claims for fees and disbursements. Major news outlets reported the case, including the Telegraph, BBC, Guardian and Law Society Gazette.

Enforcement proceedings – Obtained a Part 8 order for the sale of a £1.25 million property to satisfy an outstanding judgment debt, despite the Defendants repeated efforts to de-rail the proceedings and block such an order.

Breach of Contract claim – settled a claim to disputed fees in client's favour.

#### **Arbitration Excellence**

*UNCITRAL & LCIA Arbitrations* – Advised on a \$200 million dispute involving sovereign state promissory notes and represented clients in high-value African commercial trade dispute.

## Autumn 2025 Update

## How We Can Help You

Whether you're facing a commercial dispute, employment issue, or need strategic litigation support, our team is ready to assist.

We bring clarity, confidence, and results to every matter.

Get in touch to discuss how we can support your legal needs.

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#### **Tribunal Advocacy**

Sport and Employment Tribunals – Defended a professional athlete in disciplinary proceedings, safeguarding their career and successfully represented parties in cases involving race and disability discrimination, and unfair dismissal.

## Upcoming Legal Changes

## **Employment Rights Bill**

Employers naturally have their eyes on this legislation which is currently due to land in Autumn 2026. This bill has not been received well by businesses (heralding "day 1" employment rights to protect against unfair dismissal). It remains to be seen whether it will move into law – but the smart money is that it will. Check out the article on Spring Law's website for more detail on this important piece of legislation.

#### **Director ID Verification**

Mandatory identity verification for all directors and people with significant control (PSCs) of UK companies is expected in autumn 2025.

#### **Failure to Prevent Fraud**

A new corporate offence will apply to large organisations from September 2025 if they fail to prevent fraud, with a defence available if reasonable prevention procedures are in place.

#### **Data Protection**

Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 – This Act received Royal Assent and aims to update data protection laws, helping UK businesses innovate while protecting personal data.

## — Who We Are

Founded in 2003, Spring Law handles both contentious and non-contentious matters, but is particularly specialised in litigation and dispute resolution, which is usually complex and international in nature.

We regularly act for domestic and international businesses, liquidators, trustees, high net worth individuals and celebrities. Spring law prides itself upon providing pragmatic, focused and actionable legal advice and support, whilst being genuinely approachable.

If you have any legal or commercial queries, feel free to reach out to a member of our team.

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