



Mikhail Charles

(not admitted to practice in the Turks and Caicos Islands, where he works in conjunction with senior Attorneys as specialist litigation support)
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Mikhail spent over a year deputising as *de facto* General Counsel for the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority, where he was the sole lawyer supporting them in the lead up to wholesale regulatory regime change in the Eastern Caribbean.

He has spent two years as a Legal Officer at the Commonwealth Secretariat headquartered in London, where he supported and advised on several capacity-building and technical assistance exercises across the Commonwealth. He was involved in the delivery of training to the Nigerian Judiciary (on Civil Recovery and Forfeiture) and the conducting of an evaluation of the Seychelles Anti-Corruption legislation and machinery.

Mikhail is admitted in Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia and the British Virgin Islands. As such, he is ideally suited to the firm's practice across and throughout the Region.

He advises on matters of Vincentian and Saint Lucian corporate, regulatory and AML/CFT law, where he regularly appears before the High Court of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. He has appeared before the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal.

Mikhail is a decorated martial artist, holding black belts in Taekwondo (Third Degree) and Shotokan Karate (Second Degree) and has represented Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the finals of the Pan American Games, Central American and Caribbean Games, Cuban Open, Dominican Republic Open and the US Open among others.

He also practices Brazilian Jiu – Jitsu, Mixed Martial Arts and is a trained close protection officer / bodyguard.

He also enjoys cricket, playing for a Metropolitan team in London, UK.

He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and is a founding member of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Chapter of the Chartered Institute.

He is a Member of the 86 St. James Street Members Club (in Mark Masons Hall) on Pall Mall.

Select Engagements

- *Antonio Gellizeau v The State* SVGHCRA2013 / 0058: determining the width of the anti-money laundering offence in defended proceedings concerning USD\$2 million in cash found in the hull of a yacht; considering the weight of circumstantial evidence in money laundering matters and the probative value of financial experts who are qualified by experience.
- *Digital Wings Limited v Diliانا Roussev* SVGHCM2016 / 0214: Ongoing matter re construing the proper law applicable to a company's director and shareholder register of a foreign domiciled company.
- *Martin Trott (RHSW BVI Limited)* SVGHCM 2017 / 0190: Ongoing matter re recognition of a foreign liquidator in defended insolvency proceedings

- Counsel defending proceedings pertaining to share issuance of a Vincentian offshore company
- Counsel representing the efforts of 10 small depositors in the liquidation of the largest offshore bank in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Credentials

Admissions

- England and Wales (2012): (non – practicing – and not completed Pupillage)
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2013) – Barrister and Solicitor
- Saint Lucia (2015): Barrister, Solicitor and Notary Royal
- Grenada (2015): Barrister and Solicitor
- British Virgin Islands (2018): Barrister

Education

- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Boys Grammar School (Premier Selective school in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)
- University of Wales LL.B (Hons) 2:1 Division A
- City University Law School – Bar Professional Training Course
- Nottingham Trent University / Nottingham Law School LL. M Corporate and Insolvency Law
- STEP Advanced Certificate in Trust Disputes

Languages

- Spanish (Competent)

Publications and Presentations

- Cybersecurity in the OECS – Your Duties as a Practitioner (June 2018 – Presentation to the Saint Lucia Bar Association for their CPD)
- Evaluator of the Seychellois Anti-Corruption Commission (Legislation and associated Infrastructure, 2017)
- The Civil and Criminal Asset Recovery Framework (Presentation to Senior Nigerian Judges and Prosecutors) (May, 2017 – Lagos, Nigeria)
<http://thecommonwealth.org/media/news/commonwealth-assists-nigerian-judiciary-tackling-corruption>
- Judicial Bench Book on Violence Against Women in Commonwealth East Africa, Contributor on Chapter re Directions in Court of Superior Record (Commonwealth Secretariat Publication 2017) ISBN: 978-1-84929-161-3

- Common Law Legal Systems Model Legislative Provisions on Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing, Preventative measures and Proceeds of Crime, Contributor (Commonwealth Secretariat, UNODC, IMF, 2016) ISBN: 978-1-84929-150-7
- Changing the Law: A Practical Guide to Law Reform (Contributor, Commonwealth Secretariat, 2017) ISBN: 978-1-84929-174-3
- Commonwealth Legislative Drafting Manual (Roger Rose, Commonwealth Secretariat (Contributor) 2017) ISBN: 978-1-84929-169-9
- Contributor, Brooke's Notary (Chapter on Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, 14th Edition, Sweet & Maxwell ISBN 9780414028388)

Involvement

Professional & Community Involvement

- Founding Member Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK)
- Associate Member Certified Fraud Examiners (USA)
- Ex Officio Member of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Bar Association
- Ex Officio Member of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Taekwondo Association
- Founding Member of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Young Professionals Association

At The Bar

- Member, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Member, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Bar Association
- Member, Saint Lucia Bar Association
- Member, OECS Bar Association