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Abayna Devonish - Overseas Barrister and Associate Member

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EDUCATION

The University of Law, Master of Laws (LLM),
Company Law

Manchester Metropolitan University, The Bar
Professional Training Course (BPTC)

University of Manchester, Bachelor of Laws

Monroe College, New York, United States
Bachelor of Business Administration:
Business Management

CILEX Level 2 Certificate in Legal Studies

Monroe College, New York, United States
Associate in Applied Science, Business

PROFILE

Abayna is a practicing Barrister in the British Virgin Islands and was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2019.

Abayna has a strong background in commercial law and has provided legal advice to the Governor and Government of the Virgin Islands, representing the Crown in Civil proceedings. Abayna has also worked as a Legal Advisor for the Single Parent Support and Advice Services charity.

MEMBERSHIP

Called to The Bar of the Eastern Caribbean
Supreme Court (British Virgin Islands)

Called to the Bar of England and Wales, Lincoln
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PRACTICE

Barrister who is dedicated to delivering specialized practical counsel to clients in order to minimize losses and improve quality of life. In the courtroom, he is patient and confident, relying on good persuasive methods to improve case success. Quickly adjusts to the ever-changing legal landscape and is always eager to learn about new areas of law.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Abayna has a wide-ranging practice covering both advocacy and advisory work in complex and high-profile matters. As well as appearing in court, she regularly provides written advice on a wide variety of matters, her specialisms include:

- Tax litigation
- Corporate litigation
- Family Law
- Commercial Litigation
- International arbitration

NOTABLE WORK

- Liaised with General Counsel of Harneys Corporate Services Limited to discuss non-standard and problematic issues and advised clients on all aspects of the BVI Business Companies Act.
- Provided legal advice to the Governor and Government of the Virgin Islands, representing the Crown in Civil proceedings.
- Volunteered as a Legal Advisor for the Single Parent Support and Advice Services charity - Abayna advised on family law.
- Acted on the resolutions for cross-border transactions and tax compliance purposes in the BVI.
- Worked in the Campaigns and Project Department on HMRC's Tax Professional Programme, managing cases where there is a risk that identifiable taxpayers have failed to adhere to tax laws.
- Advised high net worth individuals, multinational corporations, banks, and other financial institutions on BVI Business Companies Act

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