



UK Litigation Overview

Why Dorsey

The continually changing global economy has never been more complex. The stakes are higher, the transactions are larger and cross-border deals generate a number of variables from competing venues to conflicting laws. In this environment, the risks are higher and disputes inevitable.

Navigating them successfully requires a combination of global experience and local knowledge, an understanding of different legal and business issues and practitioners who are sensitive to the subtleties of custom and culture. For this reason, our London office, which has one of the largest litigation practices of any US firm in the UK, is staffed with talented lawyers from diverse backgrounds with a breadth of international, European and local experience.

Our Objectives

At Dorsey, we will work with you to identify and assess legal risk and liabilities in order to identify potential problems before they arise. We believe in and practice defensive risk management. Our goal is to do ourselves out of a job by helping you to avoid disputes wherever

possible. When disputes do happen, we will help you to choose and execute the right strategy. Our aim is to help you to resolve the problem and not just to manage the process. We adopt a strategic rather than a mechanistic approach.

And we understand that the strategies we devise must take account of the commercial implications of a dispute and its outcome, the fact that you have a business to run, relationships to maintain and a budget to work within.

Our Approach

Our strategic approach involves analysing the issues at the earliest possible opportunity to identify strong and weak points for the parties, enabling us to advise and agree with you a strategy for resolving the dispute to your best advantage. The strategy may be to put you in the best position for early negotiations or it might be to litigate ferociously to promote or protect your position. Whatever the strategy, we will execute it tenaciously, combining expertise and innovation with enthusiasm and objectivity.

We work with our colleagues in other Dorsey offices in the US, Canada and Asia and we manage disputes in other jurisdictions where clients value our dispute management experience in working with expert local lawyers to provide the best possible service. We are supported by cutting edge technology and employ sophisticated electronic systems and data bases to assist in achieving efficient and effective results. We also make use of extensive paralegal resources enabling us to achieve cost efficiencies without compromising on quality.

What We Do

We handle the full range of commercial and civil disputes and have the largest and most successful group litigation practice in the UK. We conduct cases in the domestic courts and before specialist tribunals and we are experienced in domestic and international arbitration, mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. Our experience of handling cross border multi jurisdictional disputes and our global reach means that we are frequently asked and ideally placed to manage overseas litigation.

We offer particular disputes expertise in the following specialist areas:

- Banking and financial services litigation
- Breach of confidence and theft of trade secrets
- Public law and judicial review
- Corporate and indirect tax
- Construction and engineering projects disputes
- European law and constitutional challenges
- Professional negligence claims
- Fraud investigations and asset tracing
- Injunctions and freezing orders
- Insolvency administrations and recoveries
- Intellectual property and IT disputes
- Regulatory investigations and prosecutions



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