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Jean-Pierre (JP) Douglas-Henry has over 25 years' experience advising clients in relation to litigation, arbitration and regulatory and compliance issues, and on ESG matters, in more than 45 jurisdictions.

Jean-Pierre's experience spans acting for multinational corporate clients, ultra high net worth individuals and their family offices, sovereign states, government agencies and instrumentalities and state-owned enterprises in relation to a wide range of contentious issues in the financial services, energy and mining sectors in particular. In addition to acting in numerous high-stakes litigation and arbitration claims to interpret and enforce contracts, and in pursuit of tortious claims, JP has particular expertise advising on corruption and embezzlement issues, and in asset recovery actions across multiple jurisdictions against former government officials and their associates. JP has also advised clients on a range of ESG issues including, in particular, human rights and governance issues.

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Banking and Finance Litigation
- International Arbitration
- White Collar and Corporate Crime

EXPERIENCE

- Advising ultra-high net worth individuals in relation to multi-billion dollar fraud and conspiracy claims over the ownership of a construction and engineering conglomerate in the Middle East.
- Advising a Government in Asia in relation to the termination of a USD5 billion oil field, including consideration of force majeure events based on terrorist activity.
- Advising a North African Government on the review of its portfolio of Government-led projects to identify fraudulently procured contracts for the purpose of terminating and/or re-negotiating key contracts and pursuing associated recovery action across multiple jurisdictions.
- Advising the Central Bank of Cyprus in relation to the special resolution of EUR2.5 billion FBME Bank and its inter-actions with FinCEN, including associated proceedings in Cyprus, UK, Austria, Germany and the US.
- Advising the Australian Government in relation to the reform of its bank and building society licensing laws and with respect to the associated liquidation of various insolvent building societies and co-operatives.
- Advising an African Government in relation to the reform of its anti-bribery and corruption laws and the pursuit of targeted prosecutions and asset recovery actions against former Government officials.

- Advising a former UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights to a ME country in relation to his successful application for political asylum in the UK and with respect to the establishment of a human rights think tank.
- Advising indigenous miners in Tanzania in relation to modern human slavery and environmental contamination and liability issues
- Advising a gold and copper mining group in Papua New Guinea on claims of environmental contamination of rivers and landslides caused by tailing collapses and the resulting publicly announced settlement involving community-based rebuilding and rehabilitation of affected lands and the provision of subsidised housing and vocational educational facilities.
- Advising a FTSE100 in the ENR sector in relation to parent company liability issues for the actions of its subsidiaries in the US and a number of other jurisdictions, including advice on related governance and standards of behavior issues.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

- Jean-Pierre Douglas-Henry, ... "is 'an extremely seasoned and experienced heavyweight litigator' and earns praise for his 'very steady hand' when it comes to client management." - *Chambers 2019*
- Jean-Pierre Douglas-Henry is 'brilliant at keeping a strategic handle on a case' and has 'huge experience of cross-jurisdictional work' - *Legal 500 2018*
- Jean-Pierre Douglas-Henry, ... is 'fearless and utterly determined to achieve the best result' -*Legal 500 2018*

Education

- Tasmania, Bachelor of Laws with Honours (1st class)
- Qualified Lawyers' Transfer Test, UK
- Solicitors' Higher Courts (Civil Proceedings) Qualification

Memberships

- Law Society of England and Wales
- London Solicitors' Litigation Association
- International Bar Association

INSIGHTS

Publications

Virtual Hearings 2021

21 September 2021

Virtual hearings

In this latest report in the Virtual Hearings series we set out a summary of data-driven conclusions and personal observations from clients and litigators from around the globe.

Court of Appeal agrees it is arguable that a duty of care may arise in relation to end-of-life asset disposal

12 March 2021

On 10 March 2021, the English Court of Appeal handed down its decision in Hamad Begum (on behalf of MD Khalil Mollah) v Maran (UK) Limited.

Fatal air pollution: A subject for group actions in the UK?

21 January 2021

It has long been recognised that air pollution, in the form of particulates, and sulphur and nitrogen oxides, has an extremely detrimental effect on health – particularly in heavily populated urban areas with high traffic densities.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for dispute resolution

31 December 2020

Boardroom Brexit

This was one of the most contentious areas in the negotiations as both sides wanted assurances that the other party would honour the commitments contained in the TCA in the future.

Climate change convergence? The potential for global collaboration following China's momentous announcement

17 December 2020

With the election of Joe Biden, it is widely expected that the US will reengage with the international community in the fight against climate change and in efforts to reduce overall emissions.

Five Years into the Paris Agreement - Success or stalling?

16 December 2020

As the dust settles on the weekend's Climate Action Summit, co-hosted by the UK, France and the UN, we wanted to shine a spotlight on the headlines coming out of the Summit, what this means for the future of the Paris Agreement, and how these will impact businesses.

How general counsel and lawyers must help deliver sustainability and ESG outcomes

3 December 2020

The global climate and biodiversity breakdown demands an entirely new way of doing business. This will have profound effects on the roles of lawyers and professional services firms as we transform in line with the demands and expectations of our clients, stakeholders at all levels, wider society, and our planet.

Applying two principles of Islamic finance to create meaningful ESG initiatives

2 December 2020

Environmental, social and governance matters are a burgeoning issue on the agenda for businesses, governments and individuals alike. Companies are under increasing pressure to shift their focus from maximising profits and shareholder value to maximising value for all stakeholders.

Three ESG steps to keep your project bankable in 2021

17 September 2020

Version four of the Equator principles will take effect on 1 October 2020, and it introduces three new requirements to the international environmental and social baseline for project finance.

Reputation management during investigations: ZXC v Bloomberg LP

16 July 2020

The Court of Appeal has upheld the decision of Nicklin J which found that Bloomberg had breached the privacy rights of a US businessman when it published an article containing confidential details about a UK criminal investigation which he was subject to.

Global Class Actions Briefing: Major developments in European consumer protection laws: Product safety and consumer class actions in Europe

15 July 2020

The EU's proposals for a revised EU General Product Safety Directive (the GPSD) and the EU's deal for a Collective Redress Directive (the CRD) point the way to a future of heightened novel risk in Europe of collective redress or, as these claims are popularly known, "class actions".

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19

28 May 2020

The risk to companies of global and cross-border class action and collective redress proceedings is rising.

Virtual hearings report

14 May 2020

Virtual hearings

This document presents the first global, empirical study on the use of virtual hearings during the COVID-19 confinement. This is just one in a series of paradigm shifts that will affect the disputes market.

New era for privacy and data breach Class Actions in the UK

12 May 2020

The recent decision in the Morrisons case and the judgment in Lloyd v Google have significant implications for the growth of privacy and data protection Class Actions in the UK. If this type of Class Action can progress, the risks for organisations who commit a data breach will be unprecedented.

Force Majeure Certificates in a global context: What are they and what is their effect?

30 April 2020

On 30 January 2020 the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade announced that it would offer Force Majeure Certificates to local businesses. The intention was to assist them in prospective disputes with foreign counterparties.

Maintaining the privilege: Procedure & Practice Privilege

11 March 2020

Jean-Pierre Douglas-Henry and Bryden Dalitz consider recent developments on legal professional privilege.

P v D arbitration claims under section 68 and 33 of the Arbitration Act 1996

29 January 2020

The decision from the English Commercial Court highlights the consequences for parties if they fail to interrogate fully opponent witnesses on key points of evidence, and for Tribunals of issuing awards inconsistent with unchallenged evidence or predicated upon a case that has not been advanced.

How product liability Class Actions are growing in the UK

18 December 2019

Product liability Class Actions in the UK... In the fourth in a series of films, our Class Actions Group discuss how Class Actions are developing in the product liability space in the UK.

Events

Previous

Global Disputes Forecast: 2021 - what does the future hold?

22 February 2021

Webinar

ESG priorities for banks: What are the focus areas now and next?

13 October 2020

Webinar

Online hearings: balancing justice and efficiency for clients

20 July 2020

Webinar

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19

16 June 2020 | 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. ET (Session one) | 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. ET (Session two)

Webinar

NEWS

JP Douglas-Henry appointed to DLA Piper Executive as Managing Director, Sustainability & Resilience

7 September 2021

DLA Piper today announced that JP Douglas-Henry, former International Group Head of Litigation & Regulatory and Co-Chair of Sustainability & ESG, has been appointed to the International Executive in the newly created role of Managing Director, Sustainability & Resilience, as of 1 September.

DLA Piper named COP26 legal services provider

1 September 2021

DLA Piper has been appointed by the UK government as the Provider of Legal Services for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), the conference taking place in Glasgow in November. The firm will provide general commercial support to COP26 including in respect of sponsorship agreements.

The project will be led by Jean-Pierre Douglas-Henry, International Co-Head of Sustainability and ESG and Global Co-Chair of Litigation and Regulation, and partners Dr Sharon Fitzgerald and Sarah Bell, with the full support of Simon Levine, the Global Co-CEO Managing Partner, and the firm's Executive.

DLA Piper launches dedicated dispute resolution service in Luxembourg

18 May 2021

DLA Piper is delighted to announce the launch of a dedicated dispute resolution service offering in Luxembourg for its clients.

DLA Piper commits to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as part of sustainability strategy

22 September 2020

DLA Piper International has committed to set science-based targets to reduce emissions across its entire value chain through the Science Based Target initiative (SBTi), a coalition established in 2015 which enables companies to set emission reduction targets in line with the Paris Agreement.

The initiative champions science-based target setting as a powerful way of boosting companies' competitive advantage in the transition to the low-carbon economy. It is a collaboration between CDP, the United Nations (UN) Global Compact, World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The SBTi is the lead partner of the Business Ambition for 1.5°C campaign – an urgent call to action from a global coalition of UN agencies, business and industry leaders, calling on companies to set science-based targets that align with limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

DLA Piper and LCM collaborate with new third-party funder for DLA Piper clients

13 August 2020

DLA Piper has entered into a non-exclusive arrangement with publicly listed disputes financier Litigation Capital Management (LCM), and a newly formed litigation funder, Aldersgate Funding Limited to offer clients of DLA Piper access to £150m for

funding large-scale litigation and arbitration.

DLA Piper names International heads of Sustainability and ESG

28 May 2020

DLA Piper has named Natasha Luther-Jones and Jean-Pierre (JP) Douglas-Henry as International Co-Heads for Sustainability and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), in addition to their current roles, both effective 1 May 2020. These appointments are part of DLA Piper's strategic objective to drive further coordination of its efforts in this space and address the growing demand from clients for advice on sustainability and ESG-related issues. Natasha and JP will be responsible for coordinating the firm's offering with the aim to establish a leading global team in this field.

DLA Piper appoints Head of Global Government Affairs team

6 March 2020

DLA Piper announces the strengthening of its Global Government Affairs team with the appointment of Richard Sterneberg who will head up the team in its Brussels office. Richard brings with him over 20 years of experience working in Brussels as a global government affairs expert.
