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Jean-Pierre (JP) Douglas-Henry is the Global Co-Chair of DLA Piper's Litigation & Regulatory Group. He has over 25 years' experience advising clients in relation to litigation, arbitration and regulatory and compliance issues 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.

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 a Middle Eastern ultra-high net worth family in relation to USD10 billion fraud and corruption claims involving proceedings in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE and the UK, as well as related freezing injunction proceedings in Cayman.
- 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 one of the world's largest funds houses in relation to market timing and asset allocation issues and reporting obligations in respect of the same to the FCA..
- 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 the Government of Maldives in relation to the misappropriation of USD4 billion in development loans and other government assets, and pursuing associated recovery action across multiple jurisdictions.
- 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 in relation to the refinancing and restructuring of key oil and gas assets by the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria, a subsidiary of the Central Bank of Nigeria, and with respect to the recovery of an oil tanker and USD180 million of oil seized in Rotterdam.

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

Six predictions for Class Actions in the UK

23 August 2019

In recent years there has been an explosion in large-scale mass litigation taking place across the globe. In the second in a series of films, our Class Actions Group discuss our six predictions for class actions in the United Kingdom.

Our UK Class Actions film series

17 July 2019

In the UK, the growing prevalence of Class Actions and the circumstances in which businesses are threatened with them,

including changing rules on litigation funding and more flexible procedures, means that Class Actions are becoming a major risk for our clients.

May the force be with you: Force majeure clauses in the energy sector

18 SEP 2018

This article explores the implications of the Seadrill case, in which the hirer of an oil rig sought to rely on a force majeure clause as the basis for its early termination of the contract, and highlights certain practical drafting points which may be particularly relevant to contractors in the energy and natural resources sector.

NEWS

DLA Piper launches Global Merger Control Handbook

6 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has launched the Global Merger Control Handbook, a comprehensive three-volume manual to help in-house counsel and other individuals involved in mergers and corporate reorganizations navigate the merger clearance process.
