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Adam Vause advises major corporates and financial institutions on a broad range of large commercial disputes, with a particular focus on fraud, asset tracing, compliance and investigation matters.

Adam is Co-Chair of DLA Piper's Global Investigations Group.

He has significant experience advising in relation to regulatory/criminal investigations and anti-corruption/business ethics (FCPA, UK Bribery Act and Middle East legislation) in connection with companies' internal compliance policies and procedures and disputes arising from joint ventures, distribution agreements and a wide range of corporate and banking transactions.

Between 2002 and 2004 Adam undertook a secondment working for the UK government in the Serious Fraud Office as an investigative lawyer and prosecutor, primarily focusing on white collar crime, restraint/confiscation of assets and the Government's reform of fraud/corruption legislation.

EXPERIENCE

- Advising a global provider of consumer products in respect of integrity and compliance issues raised by a whistleblower and conducting the related investigation.
- Advising a global pharmaceutical company in relation to a wide ranging investigation into compliance issues across numerous jurisdictions in the Middle East.
- Advising a global pharmaceutical company in relation to an investigation and related disputes concerning its distributor in a Middle East jurisdiction.
- Advising an international information and communications technology company on an internal investigation regarding allegations of corruption and fraud within its Middle East operations.
- Advising a global financial institution in relation to ICC arbitral proceedings concerning a shareholder dispute with a value of USD75 million.
- Acting for a global financial services provider in relation to all aspects of an internal and regulatory investigation concerning

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Cross-Border Litigation
- Banking and Finance Litigation
- Restructuring
- IT and Telecoms Disputes
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- International Arbitration
- Global Governance and Compliance
- Investigations

RELATED SECTORS

- Technology
- Financial Services

Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE, Kuwait and the US.

- Representing an international financial institution in its attempts to recover over USD65 million from a defaulting Saudi Arabian borrower, co-ordinating global attempts (including an UNCITRAL arbitration) to recover the sums owed and advising in relation to proceedings in Bahrain and the UAE, dealing with a number of related pieces of litigation in the Saudi Arabian court system.
- Advising a Middle East-based financial services provider in respect of a central bank regulatory investigation.
- Advising an international bank in respect of an internal investigation concerning allegations of improper conduct and regulatory issues.
- Acting for a provider of services in proceedings before the Dubai World Tribunal in respect of a USD50 million claim for conspiracy and damages.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

- Adam has been ranked Tier 1 in Corporate Investigations by *Chambers Global* each year since 2015 and is described in *Chambers Global 2019* as "first rate" and "incredibly responsive, very clear and concise in communication, and very pragmatic". In *Chambers Global 2018* he was described as "very competent and very strong in investigations" with a "strong track record in regulatory mandates". He is also ranked in *Chambers Global 2019* in the Dispute Resolution categories for the UAE and Bahrain and acknowledged for his "regional expertise".
- Adam has previously been described in *Chambers Global* as a "first rate lawyer", "widely recognised for his expertise on contention work in Bahrain, in particular for representing financial institutions on cross-border disputes", "acclaimed for his broad experience locally and regionally", and "a lawyer with significant experience and a clear cut approach" with "a track record of advising international companies in Bahrain and the wider region".

Education

- University of Nottingham, BA (Hons) Law, 1995
- The College of Law, Legal Practice Course, 1996

Memberships

- Solicitor (with higher rights of audience - all proceedings) of the Senior Courts of England & Wales
- Registered DIFC Courts' Practitioner

INSIGHTS

Adam regularly undertakes speaking engagements at conferences and other events. In recent years he has spoken on issues including anti-corruption compliance, the development of fraud litigation in the Middle East, international trends in corporate integrity enforcement/the UK Bribery Act, international sanctions, the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution, civil unrest and force majeure and the Bahrain Corporate Governance Code.

Adam has also contributed articles to a number of publications including the *IBA Arbitration newsletter*, *Business in Gulf*, *Arbitration: the International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management*, *Getting the Deal Through (chapter on arbitration in Bahrain)*, *complanet.com*, *Gulf Construction* and *Islamic Business and Finance*.

Publications

United Arab Emirates- Global bribery offenses guide

Powers of the SFO in an Internet age

15 MAY 2018

Is the cloud the limit? Reviewing the powers of the UK's Serious Fraud Office in the Internet age

- Saudi Arabia expands anti-bribery legislation to the private sector, 16 May 2019
- Pursuing non-performing loans in the Middle East, 22 May 2017
- Dubai introduces new economic security centre regulator, 26 May 2016
- Enforcement of foreign judgments in the UAE – A new dawn?, 8 March 2016
- The UK Bribery Act reaches the Middle East, 29 February 2016
- The Reach of US Litigation, *The Oath*, January 2016
- Converting DIFC Court Judgments into Arbitral Awards, *Practical Law*, 18 February 2015
- Ethics vs. Fraud, *The Oath*, September 2014
- Getting the Deal Through, *Global Arbitration Review*, Arbitration: Bahrain chapter, 2013