

Corporate Disputes

DLA Piper's leading Corporate Disputes team are dedicated to resolving our clients' most complex and sensitive business disputes across the globe. We have extensive experience in advising companies, investors, shareholders, and directors on transactional, shareholder and boardroom disputes and offer commercial solutions to minimise the impact on business with maximum efficiency.

We advise at all stages from (and frequently before) the inception of your dispute and, where it supports your strategic objectives, seek to avoid legal proceedings by way of negotiation and alternative dispute resolution. Our global team has comprehensive experience of representing clients before all of the world's major commercial courts and arbitral institutions.

Besides strategic, pre-litigation advice and alternative dispute resolution, our Corporate Disputes practice is recognised for advancing clients' interests across the full range of corporate contentious issues including:

- Corporate governance/shareholder activism;
- Injunctions/interim relief;
- Shareholder/joint venture disputes and derivative actions;
- M&A disputes, including breach of contract/warranty and misrepresentation cases;
- · Civil fraud claims;
- Directors' and officers' liability suits;
- Collective redress claims class actions/group litigation; and
- Regulatory interventions, internal investigations and white collar crime.

Global coverage and sector knowledge

We are one of the largest law firms in the world, with more than 1,400 disputes lawyers across the globe. Our unique geographical footprint - with 90 offices spread across 40 jurisdictions - enables us to deploy large, cross-border teams with specific local and sectoral knowledge to advise our clients wherever their dispute arises. We work seamlessly with our transactional lawyers to provide a holistic approach to corporate dispute resolution.

We act for public and private companies operating across our key industry sectors: Financial Services; Infrastructure, Construction and Transport; Energy and Natural Resources; Industrials; Technology; Consumer Goods; Media, Sport and Entertainment; Life Sciences; Insurance; and Real Estate. In addition, we represent private equity houses, financial institutions, hedge funds and investment advisors, as well as Boards and Audit Committees, individual officers, directors and shareholders.

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Comprehensive risk management capability

We regularly provide risk management advice to pre-empt litigation and minimise the risk of disputes arising and/or becoming entrenched in litigation or arbitration including:

- Government relations;
- Regulatory and securities matters;
- Internal investigations and white-collar crime; and
- PR and crisis communications strategies.