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Mick Lawlor has over a decade's experience advising on large and high value international commercial disputes in the courts, before arbitral tribunals, in expert determinations and various other forms of dispute resolution. He has lived and worked in London, Dubai and Amsterdam and has acted on disputes across the UK, Europe, the Middle East, India and elsewhere.

His work covers a number of sectors with a particular focus on industrials and technology. He also has significant experience of working with clients in infrastructure, energy, retail, professional services and finance.

Mick has over a number of years worked closely with his regulatory and investigatory colleagues on a number of business critical matters. He is currently working on a series of high profile investigations and disputes arising from a product liability issue for a major international manufacturer.

Mick takes a commercial approach to disputes with an emphasis on attempting to find an early resolution. He also advocates for the use of legal technologies to maximise efficiencies.

Mick is dedicated to pro bono, most recently working with the Peter Tatchell Foundation to fight against human rights abuses in south east Asia. He was previously a trustee and director of a medical research charity focusing on Motor Neurone Disease (ALS) and is currently a trustee and director of Manchester Pride, one of the UK's leading LGBTQ+ charities. Mick has also spent time in Guyana, South America, providing training to the judiciary to help combat the drugs trade.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail

- Energy and Natural Resources

- Industrials

- Technology

- Advising an S&P 500 global manufacturing business on a number of high profile product liability issues including representing it in criminal investigations, before a public inquiry and multiple civil claims in various jurisdictions.
- Advising a large industrial conglomerate defending a multi-million dollar claim from a Dutch supplier relating to the procurement of offshore construction platforms intended for use in the development of a commercial port in India. Mick led this matter in both the UK and India.

- Advising a UK and Hong Kong based engineering firm on high value product liability issues affecting industrial gas products supplied for use in high profile developments in Europe (including London Stadium), Hong Kong and mainland China.
  - Advising a large pan-European manufacturer on a multi-party contractual and negligence claim relating to the design and manufacture of an allegedly defective novel steel product with potentially devastating consequences for the business.
  - Advising a US software and media company in a multi-party dispute defending allegations of breach of copyright and confidentiality relating to a piece of software used to manage content and advertisements for the world's biggest media companies.
  - Advising a UK government agency in a dispute concerning a large but failing IT procurement project for a critical piece of infrastructure. This matter involved complex questions of contractual responsibility, delay and ultimately termination.
  - Advising an international financial institution in relation to alleged breaches of a series of licenses for business critical software. Mick led on the client's response to prevent service disruption which involved managing an audit of the client's software estate and addressing potential shortcomings.
  - Advising one of India's wealthiest families in successfully defending a multi-jurisdictional fraud claim worth hundreds of millions of dollars before an LCIA Singapore tribunal and in the High Court of the Isle of Man relating to real estate investments in India. For the duration of this project Mick split his time between Dubai, London and Mumbai.
  - Advising a Middle Eastern national oil company in an expert determination against a multi-national oil major concerning a consideration adjustment under an agreement for the purchase of a gas pipeline in the South Caucasus.
  - Advising Europe's largest electronics retailer against a major supplier of televisions in a cross-border contractual dispute involving complex jurisdictional questions involving the UK, Slovakia and Russia. The case also involved complex tracking of pan-European sales and returns of defective products.
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