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Richard Norman has considerable experience in litigation and dispute resolution. He advises clients on the whole spectrum of commercial disputes and specialises in litigation, mediation and international arbitration. He works for clients across many industry sectors (including IT, telecoms, life sciences and manufacturing) on how to avoid, manage and resolve disputes.

Richard is the architect behind the highly successful market-leading WIN (What In-house lawyers Need) initiative across the global firm, which has won several prestigious industry awards such as the FT Award for Innovation in Client Service and the Legal Week Innovation Awards. WIN has over 8,000 members and has provided training to over 5000 clients.

Richard is experienced in managing the full range of commercial disputes on a global basis. In particular, he has handled a comprehensive range of IT&T disputes. He has acted on reported IT and telecommunications disputes in the High Court and the Court of Appeal, and been involved in several high profile mediations in the Commercial Court/the Technology & Construction Court. Richard has also been involved in several international arbitrations.

Richard's clients have access to his fully bespoke litigation managed service which provides a global offering to his clients

Richard's client base includes multinational telecommunications company, multinational consumer goods company, Arqiva, Atos, Adobe, CBRE, Gamma Telecom, Merlin, Neos Networks, Tata Communications and Telenor.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Intellectual Property and Technology

- Technology
- Life Sciences
- Industrials

- WIN: What In-house Lawyers Need

Reported cases

- *Colt Technology Services v Seecomm Network Services Inc* (High Court/US Court)
- *Geo Networks v euNetworks* (Commercial Court, London)
- *R v Sheffield City Council ex parte Hague and Tesfayohannes* (High Court/Court of Appeal/House of Lords) – acting for Sheffield City Council in judicial review proceedings

- *Arnold Laver Limited v BCT Software Solutions Limited* (High Court/Court of Appeal)

Key experience

- Acting for a Danish telecoms supplier against its New York customer in ICC Arbitration proceedings. The case involved allegations of fraud, duress and wrongful termination.
- Representing a major international telecoms supplier concerning loss of its confidential customer database. The case involved the successful application for interim mandatory injunction. Richard also worked with our Global Government Relations team handling national press interest.
- Acting for a global IT supplier regarding the provision of telecoms equipment in the Congo. Advice concerned injunction and a claim for substantial damages against directors/shareholders.
- Acting for a major UK IT supplier in respect of several disputes concerning the implementation of SAP software in the Technology and Construction Court.
- Acting for a leading telecommunications company in the Federal Court of New York and in the High Court of England regarding a dispute with a customer following suspension of service. The case concerned an application to dissolve a Temporary Restraining Order and separate proceedings in the UK.
- Acting for a major telecommunications company in respect of a large-scale commercial fraud committed using prepaid call cards and premium rate numbers across various international jurisdictions.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

Richard is recognised as a leading practitioner in the resolution of IT&T disputes in both the *Legal 500* and *Chambers*.

Education

- University of Sheffield, LLB (First Class Honours), 1993
- Nottingham Law School, Distinction

INSIGHTS

Richard holds seminars to brief clients on telecommunication issues, including topics such as fraud, injunctions, termination of service and litigation prevention and prosecution. Richard assists P&A/D&B in the organisation of the International Telecommunications Risk Forum.

He has written several papers on IT&T issues and has had several articles published in *IT Law* and *Utility Week*.

Publications

WIN Wise: Liquidated damages for delay in tech disputes

30 June 2020

The current COVID-19 pandemic is wreaking havoc on businesses and their operations across sectors and geographies. The unprecedented spread of the virus has had, and will continue to have, a profound impact upon both suppliers and customers in delivering technology projects on time and to budget.

WIN WISE: IT Projects and dispute avoidance

14 May 2020

Underestimated costs, unexpected delays and poor governance are just a few of the reasons why some IT projects fail. COVID-19 has now potentially created the perfect storm. This dispute-avoidance checklist highlights what parties can do during the lifetime of an IT project to minimise the risk of disputes.

WIN Wise: Termination of Technology Contracts - On a need to know basis

30 April 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing untold, and unprecedented, uncertainty to businesses across the globe, and as a consequence both technology suppliers and customers are now considering their existing contractual obligations.

Navigating your business through technology disputes risks

9 April 2020

Novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has completely rocked the business world and changed the operations and responses of companies around the globe. Technology is business critical to every company and sector. Whether you are a supplier or a customer with ongoing tech contracts - our clients are already encountering numerous key issues.

WIN Wise - Tech dispute checklist

11 March 2020

Tech disputes can be complex. It can be difficult to remember everything while trying to get to grips with the factual/legal issues and putting in place a litigation strategy. Certain key issues must be considered to minimise risk and to ensure the efficient management of the dispute.

WIN

Richard is the firm's lead partner on our What In-House Lawyers Need (WIN) initiative. WIN provides in-house lawyers with resources and networking opportunities addressing the specific technical, commercial and personal aspects of working in-house. There's also an online community and resource centre – visit the website to find out more.

Richard and his team have also developed an innovative, unique and bespoke litigation managed service. Please contact him for details or [read more](#) (pdf).



DLA PIPER'S MANAGED LITIGATION OFFERING

Eliminating the challenges of managing litigation

Litigation is a part of any organization's wider business and the efficient management and resolution of these, in a manner which is aligned with the ethos of the business and within the confines of ever-tightening legal budgets, is an essential part of doing business today. When that business is carried out internationally, the introduction of litigation across multiple jurisdictions often is a distance from the in-house legal teams and also sometimes involving cross-border elements, becomes a critical aspect of the process, impacting significantly on outcomes and cost.

With over 1,400 specialist dispute resolution lawyers, complemented by an extended network of relationship firms, DLA Piper has one of the largest and most comprehensive dispute resolution practices in the world. Through our managed litigation service we can take care of all of your litigation needs wherever they arise. Our service combines the practical and technical know-how of our leading legal firms and procedures with a single point of contact who will manage your litigation needs worldwide. This ensures that your litigation is handled in a consistent and cost-effective manner. Whatever problems you face, wherever they occur, we are best placed to assist.



DLA Piper will assist you to ensure that your particular requirements are met whether that be geographical coverage, risk management or quality reporting requirements. To discuss how we can tailor the service for your needs please contact:



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