

Corporate and Commercial Litigation

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Overview

Shoosmiths' Corporate and commercial Litigation practice stands out as a premier force in the legal landscape, renowned for its expertise in handling high-value, complex disputes both in the UK and internationally. Our team, headed by Hannah Field, the Head of Shoosmiths' London office, brings a wealth of experience across various markets and sectors. We have acted for major corporate entities, private equity firms, funds, start-ups, technology companies, pharmaceutical firms, automotive clients, high net worth individuals, energy and infrastructure clients and financial services institutions.

Our expertise

Our corporate and commercial litigation practice boasts a rich experience across the spectrum of corporate and commercial disputes. At every stage of a dispute, we provide comprehensive support to our clients, from initial assessment and strategic planning to discovery, negotiation, court proceedings, and, when beneficial, settlement. Our team is not only trial-ready but also trial-tested, ensuring robust representation in the courtroom. We expertly manage the full spectrum of corporate and commercial disputes, including:

- **General Contract Disputes:** We handle general breaches of contract, which may also involve issues such as misrepresentation, fraud, and negligence. Our team is experienced in addressing these disputes and providing comprehensive legal support.
- **Corporate Disputes:** Our expertise includes resolving disputes arising under Share Purchase Agreements, Articles or Shareholder Agreements, and addressing breaches related to director's duties. We provide strategic advice and support throughout the dispute resolution process.

- **Shareholder Disputes:** We regularly advise leading corporate clients and shareholders during various shareholder disputes, including minority and majority shareholder disputes. Our team is experienced in handling unfair prejudice claims and providing emergency relief measures such as injunctive relief.

We regularly act in disputes concerning contractual claims, breaches of fiduciary duty, competition litigation, M&A litigation, and bankruptcy and insolvency disputes. Additionally, our wide-ranging experience extends to business torts, professional negligence claims, insurance coverage litigation, securities litigation, fraud and asset tracing litigation, product liability, and false advertising disputes, providing a well-rounded approach to all your litigation needs. We are also experts at dealing with complex cross boarder disputes concerning jurisdictional challenges. Our commitment to excellence and strategic acumen ensures that we are well-equipped to handle the complexities of corporate litigation, delivering results that align with your business objectives.



An integrated approach

The corporate and commercial litigation practice at Shoosmiths draws upon the firm's deep level of expertise and insights across its broad bench of sector specialists. Collaborating with our experts in our commercial insurance, IP litigation, real estate litigation, corporate restructuring and advisory, tax litigation, employment litigation, business, life sciences, privacy and data and banking and finance disputes, and crime and regulatory practices, ensures a unified and integrated approach to dealing with the most complex corporate and commercial litigation challenges.

Our experience

Members of our corporate and commercial litigation practice have acted for some of the leading corporates such as Goldman Sachs, Meta, Oracle, iTunes, Providence Equity, Bain, Advent, CVC, Ikea, Deliveroo, Sanofi, Moderna, Volkswagen, Credit Suisse, Yahoo!, and Elliott to name but a few.

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What sets us apart

Shoosmiths' corporate and commercial litigation practice is distinguished by its expertise in handling high-value, complex disputes for FTSE 100 and multinational clients. We are strategically positioned to provide specialist litigation services across various sectors, including financial services, technology and telecommunications, digital assets, and commercial insurance. Our commitment to a client-focused approach is demonstrated in our annual Litigation Risk report, gathering insights from over 360 general counsel and senior in-house lawyers to identify emerging risks across sectors.

Shoosmiths' corporate and commercial litigation practice offers unparalleled expertise, sector knowledge, and a client-focused approach that aligns with industry developments. With a strong track record of high-value litigation, strategic expansion, and market-leading rankings, Shoosmiths is the ideal choice for in-house general counsels seeking exceptional legal counsel and representation.

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