

Commercial litigation

Our services

Disputes are a fact of commercial life, and litigation is a key tool in protecting your business interests. It's important that you make the right choice when deciding who to instruct to fight your corner.

Businesses instruct us because they appreciate lawyers who win cases. We provide a full range of litigation services to our commercial clients, from handling business-critical disputes to dealing with smaller, everyday cases. Our clients range from owner-managed businesses to PLCs.

All of the partners in our commercial litigation team joined Taylor&Emmet from large national firms, and we take pride in our ability to win complex disputes. Our lawyers have appeared regularly in the appeal courts and we're not afraid to push our opponents all the way. Our team is known for its creativity and flexibility and we take an innovative approach to our cases. We are rated in the Legal 500 as a *"highly professional, outstanding practice."*

By putting our clients in the strongest possible position, we help them achieve a solution that's right for them. Our approach to disputes is to look first for the exit strategy that satisfies our clients' commercial objectives.

We have experience in all forms of alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration, and our team includes a fully trained and accredited mediator.

We also share the financial risks of litigation with our clients. Through our unique and innovative T&E Resolve package, we can give our clients certainty on costs and possibly even eliminate the costs risk altogether. Because we share that risk, we deal with cases efficiently and don't waste our clients' time and money on unnecessary work. Most of our cases are handled by a partner, so you can have confidence in the advice you receive.

Prevention is better than cure and we are also able to advise on dispute avoidance and risk and credit management.

We are particularly experienced in the following types of work:

- Commercial contract disputes
- Trading disputes, including consumer issues
- Insolvency disputes
- Commercial agency disputes
- Enforcement of restrictive covenants
- Partnership and shareholder disputes
- Breach of warranty claims
- Intellectual property disputes
- Building disputes
- Directors disqualification disputes
- Probate disputes



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Some recent examples of our work...

- Advising a US oil and gas exploration company in a \$20 million multi-national fraud claim concerning the implementation of a drilling contract in Portugal.
- Acting for a publicly-listed professional services company in a £1 million claim for damages for breach of a commercial supply contract concerning the provision of property searches.
- Advising an industry sector representative body on the implementation of member dispute and disciplinary procedures, including advice on individual cases.
- Advising a higher education institution in respect of a contractual dispute with an administrative partner, resulting in the termination of contract and the negotiation of new memoranda of co-operation with an academic partner.
- Acting for a telecoms company in an application against a former dealer for an injunction to restrain breaches of restrictive covenants in the dealership agreement.
- Acting for a large engineering contractor in a multi-million pound claim for damages for breach of contract following the unlawful termination of an industrial processing contract.
- Advising a manufacturer of industrial equipment in its defence of a £2 million delay and disruption claim by a construction company in the Middle East.
- Acting for an independent school in the defence of a substantial dispute with a contractor concerning variations to a construction contract, and in an associated professional negligence claim against the employer's agent.

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