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ABOUT

Mike is an experienced commercial litigator specialising in shareholder disputes as well as having advised on construction, property, general contractual, and fraud disputes.

He is also experienced in breaches of director's duties, breaches of warranties, and professional negligence.

EXPERTISE

- Director and shareholder disputes
- Commercial contract disputes
- Fraud
- Professional negligence
- Property disputes
- All types of injunction proceedings

WORK

- Regularly act on behalf of parties to shareholder disputes and recently acting for the trustees of an estate making an unfair prejudice claim against the director shareholders.
- Acted on behalf of a financial institution making a professional negligence claim against one of its panel monitoring surveyors and its valuer in connection with the construction of a multimillion-pound private residence.
- Acted on behalf of a private individual defending a multimillion-pound claim for fraudulent misrepresentation and breach of director's duties made by a private equity firm.
- Acted on behalf of a client who was the subject of an Anton Piller order which was obtained on the basis of allegations of computer hacking and breaches of copyright and confidentiality.
- Acted on behalf of an American telecoms business which was the claimant in a multimillion-pound dispute. The proceedings ultimately involved eight parties and experts from five separate disciplines. The matter was settled shortly before trial following a complex multi-party mediation.

- Acted on behalf of an internet-based contact lens retailer making multiple claims against a former logistics provider arising from the termination of the relationship. The client asserted breaches of database rights, copyright, and fraud with a value in excess of £3 million.
- Acted on behalf of a company that provides IT solutions and services which made a claim for £4 million of unpaid invoices against a utilities company and defending a counterclaim for £15 million. The dispute arose as the result of a £19 million fraud committed by an employee of the utility company.
- Acted on behalf of two of three members of several specific purpose vehicle limited liability partnerships (LLPs) in a multimillion-pound claim against the other member involving allegations of fraud and misappropriation of funds of the LLPs.