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About Ian

Ian Debbage is a commercial litigator with a varied practice, whose particular specialisms include:

- Employment litigation – Acting for companies on matters involving employee issues including breaches of restrictive covenants, employee fraud and theft of confidential information. Matters have frequently involved obtaining injunctive relief at short notice.
- Civil fraud – Acting for companies and individuals on claims involving losses suffered due to fraud including crypto fraud. Matters regularly involve asset tracing and obtaining freezing, as well as search and seizure orders.
- Corporate litigation – Acting for companies and shareholders on issues including warranty and indemnity claims, shareholder disputes and breach of contract claims.

Experience

Employment Litigation

- Acting for a large retailer on a long-running equal pay dispute.
- Representing a US technology company on a multi-million pound dispute involving alleged theft of the confidential information of one of its main competitors.
- Acting for a UK Forex company on claims against a group of former employees involving breaches of their restrictive covenants and theft of confidential information.
- Acting for a large aggregates company on a multimillion-pound claim brought against it by three former directors, culminating in a successful seven-day trial at Manchester Mercantile Court.

Civil Fraud

- Running a £6.5 million mortgage fraud claim, which culminated in a successful five-day trial and the eventual enforcement and recovery of the entire sum including interest.
- Acting for an asset-based lender on a claim against a director for fraud and the wrongful disposal of "luxury" horseboxes worth in excess of £1 million.

- Acting for a large UK fashion retailer against a former director who had stolen over £1 million from the company. A freezing injunction was obtained on short notice, and all of the stolen funds were recovered.
- Acting for a solar panel company against a fraudulent supplier. A full recovery was achieved following a freezing injunction obtained within 24 hours of instruction.
- Acting for an investment company in relation to an allegedly fraudulent scheme in Argentina. The claim involved successfully defending an application to set aside a freezing injunction.

Corporate Litigation

- Running several multimillion-pound breach of warranty claims, including obtaining judgment following a seven-day trial on a claim relating to breach of fire safety warranties.
- Acting for a hedge fund on issues arising from the funding of an insolvent law firm.
- Acting for a renewable energy company on the defence of a claim brought by another energy company for introducing a site. Our client was successful after a seven-day trial.
- Acting for various companies and shareholders on unfair prejudice petitions.
- Acting for a sports education company on a commercial court claim arising out of a joint venture with the International Paralympic Committee.
- Acting for banks on claims against guarantors and advising on the enforcement of the subsequent judgments often in other jurisdictions, such as Europe and America. Such claims have involved several successfully obtained freezing injunctions.

International Litigation And Arbitration

- Running several claims on a multi-billion dollar arbitration concerning the construction of an airport in the Middle East.
- Working on investigations for various international banks involving alleged breaches of Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) sanctions.
- Acting on an arbitration in the Swedish Chamber of Commerce involving breach of warranty claims and non-payment of deferred consideration.
- Acting for a Cameroonian oil refiner on a claim for over US$100 million for late payment of oil shipments. Our client successfully defended the claims following a five-day Commercial Court trial.
- Acting for a sports data company on claims in various jurisdictions arising out of misappropriation of data and breach of license conditions.

Credentials

Education

- Cardiff Law School, L.P.C.
- University of Bristol, Law Degree

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2006

Expertise

Services

- Litigation

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