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About Mike

Mike Caird is a director in the Litigation department based in our Manchester office. His expertise includes advising national and international corporate clients on resolving a wide variety of contractual, commercial, professional negligence and product liability disputes via negotiation, litigation, arbitration, mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

Mike spent six years training and working at a major city law firm in both London and Hong Kong. Following a four-year sabbatical sailing around the world as a professional yachtsman, he continued his dispute resolution practice with Squire Patton Boggs.

Mike has also spent time as in-house counsel on secondment at Barclays Bank GRCB Litigation Department, as well as in the European litigation team at the global pharmaceutical company, Viatrix.

Experience

Commercial Litigation

- Acting for a major waste management company in defence of a group action relating to the alleged emission of odour from a processing plant in the northeast of England.
- Leading a team of international lawyers based in five jurisdictions in the preparation of numerous witness statement in support of the defence of employment claims against a national supermarket chain.
- Acting for two UK paper manufacturers in claims to recover losses in excess of £14 million following two separate catastrophic warehouse fires.
- Advising the former director of a company providing short-term secured bridging finance in the defence of a multi-million pound claim by his former employer alleging negligence, financial impropriety and fraud.
- Acting for a worldwide direct selling organisation in the leading case relating to the successful defence of public interest winding up petitions – *Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform v Amway (UK) Limited* [2008] EWHC (Ch) 1054.
- Advising Project XJ220 Limited in litigation and arbitration proceedings before the Master of the Rolls relating to the Jaguar XJ220 Supercar.

Construction Litigation

- Acting for a Middle East government in a high-profile international ICC arbitration in a dispute relating to a substantial, multi-billion dollar transport infrastructure project.
- Acting for a Far East construction company on a multi-billion dollar dispute before the New York state court arising from a luxury hotel development in the Caribbean.
- Acting for a major UK supermarket chain in a £38 million dispute concerning the construction of a defective abattoir.
- Acting for a construction company in defence of a claim relating to a motorsport venue.

Professional Negligence

- Acting for a major UK high street bank on a long-term ADR project over more than a decade involving several thousand professional negligence claims.
- Acting for a number of former Premiership footballers in an action for professional negligence against their former financial advisers.

Product Liability

- Advising a Norwegian company in defence of a substantial product liability claim following the £25 million product recall of a consumer drink.
- Acting for a major international tobacco manufacturer in its successful defence of a three-year, multi-party personal injury action in the UK (the Tobacco Litigation) – *Hodgson & Others v Imperial Tobacco & Others*, 1998 WLR 1056.

Credentials

Education

- College of Law, York, Law Society Finals, 1992
- Newcastle University, LL.B., Honors, 1991

Admissions

- England and Wales, 1995

Recognitions

- Recommended in *Legal 500 UK* 2020 as a Key Lawyer for Commercial litigation
- Recommended in *Legal 500 UK* 2020 for Banking litigation
- Finalist in Manchester Law Society's Solicitor of the Year Awards 2019
- Recommended as a Next Generation Lawyer in *Legal 500 UK* 2017 for Banking litigation

Expertise

Services

- Litigation

Industries

- Chemicals

- Retail

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