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Andrew Hearn – Arbitrator

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OVERVIEW

Andrew Hearn is a dispute resolution partner at Dechert and one of the most experienced commercial disputes solicitors in the city. Listed by The Legal 500 2020 in its “Hall of Fame” for commercial litigation, Mr Hearn has decades of experience of litigating and arbitrating some of the most complex disputes, often of an international nature. His extensive client base includes hedge funds, banks and other financial services companies, and the business interests of ultra-high net worth individuals. He also has extensive experience in the resolution of disputes relating to defamation, malicious falsehood, privacy, copyright and trademarks.

At Dechert Mr Hearn has served in a variety of senior management roles, including as its head of litigation in London for a number of years.

Mr Hearn became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 1998 and has served as a Recorder since 2005, both in the civil and criminal courts.

STYLE AND APPROACH

Mr. Hearn is adept at analysing complex fact patterns and legal arguments, his experience enabling him to place facts within their commercial context. He adopts a similar analytical approach when “sitting”. He manages cases in a way to ensure that, whilst the process is fair to all parties, they are progressed as quickly, efficiently and cost effectively as possible.

Mr Hearn is regularly ranked in Chambers and The Legal 500 as a leading disputes lawyer. He has also been recognized by Best Lawyers for litigation since 2009. As well as being listed in the “Hall of Fame” for commercial litigation in The Legal 500 2020, that publication has also described him as ‘the godfather of fraud claims, an ace litigator and knows everything and everyone’ and ‘sharp and steady and delivers extremely reliable advice.’ In Chambers UK 2020, clients praise his “superb client service” and state that “he’s so experienced that nothing fazes him.”, recognising him as “a standout practitioner – one of the very best in the City.”

EXPERTISE

- Banking & Finance
- Commercial Contracts
- Corporate Fraud
- Energy & Natural Resources
- IT & Telecoms
- Manufacturing & Retail
- Media, Entertainment & Publishing
- Reputation Management
- Intellectual Property

EXPERIENCE

The breadth of cases in which Mr Hearn has acted (or is acting) as lead lawyer demonstrates his experience, a few examples being:

Banking & Finance

- Elliott Associates v. Peru.
- Hamsah Investments v. Liberia.
- Kensington International v. The Republic of Congo.
- NML v Argentina.
- A bank v a defaulting borrower.

Commercial Contracts

- Platinum Investment Trust Plc v. Knox D'Arcy.
- Tseitline v Mikhelson.

Corporate Fraud

- Cherney v Deripaska.
- AWG v Morrison.

Intellectual Property

- Sears (UK) v Sears Roebuck (US).
- MacMillan (UK) v. Macmillan (US).
- Currys v Comet.

Media, Entertainment & Publishing

- Spice Girls v. Panini Publishing.
- Panini Publishing v. FA Premier League.

Reputation Management

- Telegraph Group Ltd v. News Group.
- Hollinger v. Express Newspapers.
- Galloway v. Telegraph Group Ltd.
- Julius Meinl V v. Frankfurter Allgemeine.
- RDIF v. The Financial Times.
- Curry's v Comet.
- Kewell v. Lineker.

IT & Telecoms

- IBM v. Phoenix.
- Freeserve v. Customs & Excise.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts - 1982.
- Solicitor-Advocate (Higher Courts Civil) - 2002.
- Admitted as a Solicitor in Ireland - 2019.

CAREER HISTORY

- 1980-present - Dechert LLP (and prior to its 2000 merger Titmuss Sainer & Webb), becoming a partner in 1986.
- Recorder (part-time Judge) on the London and South Eastern circuit - appointed in 2005.

ACCREDITATION

- Accredited CEDR Mediator - 1993.
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - 1998.

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