

Chris Hardman

Partner

London

Biography

An award-winning commercial litigator, Chris handles some of Hogan Lovells' most significant and complex litigation mandates. Chris has substantial experience of co-ordinating major, multi-centre and multi-discipline disputes, which has led to him being acknowledged as 'strategically remarkable.' Chris's work by its very nature is international and he has an unparalleled hands-on track record of managing the largest cross-border matters, often with a fraud-related element.

His work on the BTA Bank matter, for instance, has been universally lauded and has been described as 'extraordinary litigation on a large scale' and 'the most ground-breaking recent case by common consensus'. He has particular knowledge in obtaining and enforcing some of the most powerful orders available, such as freezing injunctions, receivership orders, search orders and disclosure orders. He has rightfully gained a formidable reputation and is known as the go-to litigator for CIS related disputes.

Chris has earned top tier rankings across the board in *Chambers*, *Legal 500* and *Who's Who Legal* for Commercial Litigation, Fraud and Asset Recovery. His work on ground-breaking cases is recognized by peers and clients alike. Chris led the team to win both the American Lawyer Global Litigation Team of the Year Award in 2014 and the Lawyer Litigation team of the year in 2013.

Representative experience



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Languages

English

Practices

Litigation Services

Commercial Litigation

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Education and admissions

Education

The College of Law, Chester, 1995

Inns of Court School of Law,
London, 1991

LL.B., University of Manchester,
1990

Acting for Victor Pinchuk in his disputes with Igor Kolomoisky and Gennady Bogolyubov relating to various major industrial assets in Ukraine.

Acting for Konstantin Grigorishin in his dispute with Vladimir Lukyanenko concerning a major industrial plant in Ukraine.

Awards and rankings

- He's a fantastic operator and an exceptional litigator., *Chambers, 2024*
- Chris Hardman is really impressive and has a great manner with clients., *Chambers UK, 2024*
- Chris Hardman is a once-in-a generation lawyer- he has a presence, grip and strategic mind that are pretty unmatched, *Chambers UK, 2024*

Memberships

The Law Society

Accolades

'A formidable litigator, and strategically and tactically brilliant.'

Legal 500 UK, 2020, Commercial litigation

"...Chris Hardman is working on some of the largest matters currently before the English courts, ..."

Legal 500 UK, 2020, Commercial litigation

'extraordinary litigation on a large scale'

Legal 500 UK, 2020, Commercial litigation

"...is Chris Hardman, who applies his 'litigation nous' to large fraud cases involving the CIS."

Legal 500 UK, 2020, Fraud: civil

"Master tactician"; "one of the best litigators in London"; "He will outmanoeuvre you in no time"

Chambers UK, 2020, Fraud: Civil

'the most ground-breaking recent
case by common consensus'

*Legal 500 UK, 2020, Commercial
litigation*

"top-level, superb litigator";
"excellent lawyer technically"; "really
practical and knowledgeable"

*Chambers UK, 2020, Commercial
and Corporate Litigation*
