

Ardil Salem

Partner

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Biography

Ardil Salem's practice focuses on high-value, complex and multi-jurisdictional commercial litigation. He has wide-ranging experience across a broad spectrum of industries and geographies, and an established track record of achieving successful outcomes to his clients' most challenging problems.

An experienced commercial litigator, Ardil advises clients on disputes arising out of joint ventures, breaches of contract, breaches of duty by company directors, fraud, complex trust structures and professional negligence. He also has significant experience of internal investigations concerning allegations of misconduct, including where the existence of potential claims is being considered.

Ardil has a particular interest in disputes arising out of corporate restructurings and insolvency scenarios, including claims by and against office holders, the enforcement of security (and the disputes this can give rise to), as well as non-contentious risk advisory work in connection with proposed transactions by specialist investors in distressed entities.

He has significant experience of disputes and investigations emanating from the MENA region, and is assisted in managing the sensitivities which are typically in issue by his proficiency in Arabic and French. Ardil also has significant experience of offshore litigation, including asset tracing remedies and the offshore enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards.



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Languages

English

Arabic

French

Practices

Commercial Litigation

Insolvency Litigation

Banking and Finance Litigation

Corporate and Securities Litigation

Middle East Regional Practice

Industries

Financial Institutions

Insurance

Private Capital

A significant part of Ardil's work has involved the negotiation and structuring of settlements, utilising all of the main methods of alternative dispute resolution (including regular use of mediation).

Before joining Hogan Lovells, Ardil worked in the London office of an international law firm and spent two years practising at an offshore law firm in the Cayman Islands, where he regularly appeared before the Courts.

Representative experience

Acting for a Swiss headquartered oil trading company in its defence of a US\$2bn High Court claim concerning a disputed Contract of Affreightment

Acting for a BAT group company in ongoing proceedings before the High Court against PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, in respect of its audit work of Windward Prospects Limited

Acting for a BAT group company in an appeal to the UK Supreme Court that considers the issue of the content of directors' duties when a company is in financial distress

Acting for BAT in proceedings arising from the US\$1bn clean-up of the Fox River, including proceedings brought in the English High Court seeking the recovery of around \$800 million in dividends

Advising a Middle Eastern headquartered logistics company and port operator on its investment in an offshore incorporated venture capital fund and subsequent application for a freezing injunction

Representing a Middle Eastern based media company in a dispute with a state affiliated joint venture partner arising from a shareholder agreement relating to sport broadcasting rights

Representing a European investment bank in an investigation into allegations of payments made to corrupt public officials in order to secure business opportunities in a North African state

Representing an AIM listed investment fund in an

Energy and Natural Resources

Transport and Logistics

Manufacturing and Industrials

Consumer

Areas of focus

Global Asset Recovery and Enforcement

Education and admissions

Education

L.P.C., BPP Law School

M.A., University of Cambridge

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Attorney-at-Law, Cayman Islands (non-practising)

internal investigation into allegations that an appointed investment manager had misappropriated substantial funds over an extended period

Acting for NLMK in its successful defence in the English High Court against an application to enforce a Russian arbitral award that had been set aside by the Russian courts

Acting for Mr Cevdet Caner in defence of claims brought against him by the Joint Liquidators of Level One Residential Jersey Limited and Special Opportunity Holdings Limited

Advising a North Sea oil assets focussed private equity fund in relation to its investment in various distressed North Sea oil assets

Advising a listed oil company in relation to litigation risks arising in the context of its restructuring

Advising a European investment bank on enforcement of a judgment of over US\$100 million, against assets located in the Cayman Islands, held through a complex trust structure

Acting for Discover Investment Company in its application before the Cayman Islands' Courts for Norwich Pharmacal relief against former investment managers

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Creditor Duty – the position after the Supreme Court decision in *BTI v Sequana and Others*