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Andrew Hearn is an experienced commercial litigator whose work is national and international and extends to the co-ordination of multinational disputes. His extensive client base includes hedge funds and other companies in the financial services sector, major brand owners from the manufacturing and retail sectors and publishers.

Mr. Hearn has handled a good deal of work originating from, or closely connected with, Russia and the CIS. In the *Financial Times* Innovative Lawyers 2013 report, Mr. Hearn was commended for his representation of Michael Cherney in *Cherney v. Deripaska*. Mr. Hearn led the prosecution of the high profile litigation between Mr. Cherney and Oleg Deripaska which came to an end in autumn 2012.

He is noted for his skills in substantial commercial disputes, and issues arising from them including challenges to jurisdiction. His cases have included: post-acquisition disputes, including warranty and fraud claims; litigation in relation to sovereign distressed debt; cross-border enforcement work and major insolvency proceedings, including in jurisdictions such as Cayman and the BVI; a broad range of contractual disputes and disputes concerning intellectual property and reputation management. He

is also experienced in the handling of internal investigations, as well as investigations and proceedings conducted by regulatory bodies such as the FCA and the OFT. He also has considerable expertise in anti-corruption laws and has lectured widely on the subject.

Mr. Hearn has been a litigation partner at Dechert since 1986. He is a Solicitor-Advocate (Higher Courts Civil), an accredited (and practicing) CEDR mediator, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and sits as a Recorder (part-time Judge) on the London and South Eastern circuit.

Mr. Hearn is regularly ranked in the independent directories *Chambers* and *The Legal 500* as a leading commercial litigation solicitor. Mr. Hearn has also be recognized by *Best Lawyers* for litigation since 2009. In 2016 Euromoney's Expert Guide noted Mr Hearn's nomination by his peers as one of the UK's leading litigation lawyers.

Since 2007, *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers UK* have recognized Mr. Hearn annually and described him as "a great lawyer" who is "extremely experienced" in big-ticket Russian and CIS litigation. In *Chambers UK 2018*, Mr. Hearn is described by his clients as a "highly experienced" litigator who always "considers the big picture and also has great attention to detail". *Chambers Global/2017* and *Chambers UK 2017* described Mr. Hearn as "an established player" in the London litigation market with clients lauding his abilities saying "He always sees the big picture, has a vast experience in commercial court and is a natural leader of big litigation". In *Chambers UK 2016*, Mr. Hearn was recognized by market commentators as "one of the foremost litigation solicitors in London". Clients have said "he's very measured and tailors what has to be done for the client". *Chambers* also recognize Mr. Hearn is "very switched-on, has excellent judgment and is good with clients;" his broad commercial disputes skill set makes him a perfect pick for a case with reputation management issues. He has also been described as a "big-ticket litigator" who has the "ability to discern what is relevant from a mass of information and provide straight-to-the-point advice;" recognized for his "leadership, strategic intelligence and ability to reach sensible solutions;" commended for his ability to manage large cross-border [fraud] cases; a "brilliant lawyer" who is "uniquely creative and works incredibly effectively under pressure;" a "hands-on litigator" who is "methodical and efficient" having "a calming influence on clients" and combining his "charismatic personality" with his abilities as "an outstanding commercial litigator;" as having the ability to "head off nasty encounters by getting to the right answers quickly;" an "excellent practitioner with a robust and commercially sensible approach who produces great work well, and always on time;" a "clever, aggressive and sensible litigator who always gets the balance right" and "commended for providing forthright and definitive answers to complicated legal problems...[whose] ability to effectively juggle convoluted, multi-jurisdictional disputes that involve numerous legal teams is highly praised." Mr. Hearn has also been recommended as a leading defamation and civil fraud lawyer and featured in a number of independent guides to intellectual property lawyers. The *Legal 500 UK* has described Mr. Hearn as "an innovative partner" and "an excellent litigator" and he has been ranked in their elite "Leading Individuals" category consistently since 2012. In 2018, The *Legal 500 UK* described Mr. Hearn as 'the godfather of fraud claims, an ace litigator and knows everything and everyone' and 'sharp and steady and delivers extremely reliable advice', as well as acknowledging him as a leading individual. In 2017, The *Legal 500 UK* comments Mr. Hearn has 'excellent client management and handling skills, as well as the ability to comprehend big-picture issues'. In 2015 he was described as "first rate". The directory has previously described him as a "quality litigator" and as "particularly highly recommended. He is a brilliant lawyer and has a remarkable ability to master new and complex business and financial problems quickly." The *Legal 500 UK* has also referred to clients who described him as "a consummate professional" offering "sensible advice in an unflappable manner" and "tough but sensible, certainly a leading light." He and his team have been described in *Chambers UK* as providing "quality service and superb judgment" and being "exceedingly smart and always available when we need them."

EXPERIENCE

Some of the many cases in which Mr. Hearn has acted (or is acting) include:

- *Sears v. Sears Roebuck*
- *MacMillan (UK) v. Macmillan (US)*
- *Tupperware v. Betterware*
- *IBM v. Phoenix*
- *Spice Girls v. Panini Publishing*
- *Panini Publishing v. FA Premier League*
- *Telegraph Group Ltd v. News Group*
- *Elliott Associates v. Peru*
- *Currys v. Comet*
- *AWG v. Morrison & Anor.*
- *Hollinger v. Express Newspapers*
- *Travelex v. Carlson*
- *Freeserve v. Customs & Excise*
- *Galloway v. Telegraph Group Ltd.*
- *Kewell v. Lineker*
- *Kensington International v. The Republic of Congo*
- *MFI v. Homebase*
- *Platinum Investment Trust Plc v. Knox D'Arcy*
- *NML v. Argentina*
- *Julius Meinl V v. Frankfurter Allgemeine*
- *Hamsah Investments v. Liberia*
- *Cherney v. Deripaska*
- *Tseitline v Mikhelson*

EDUCATION

- St. John's College, Oxford

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales
- Ireland

MEMBERSHIPS

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators