

# BIRCH REYNARDSON & Co



INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS

## Our Philosophy

Lawyers are an important element in, but never the sole component of the litigation process. This has never been truer than in today's world, when litigation has become prohibitively expensive in many jurisdictions, particularly in the UK. Somehow the bitter pill needs to be made easier to swallow.

Our philosophy is to tackle this problem head on. Working with the client, we look at the circumstances of each case on its merits – not just the legal merits but also the commercial reality.

We seek to limit the risk to the client through exploring the possibility of settlement and mediation, and if arbitration or litigation is to proceed, we consider with the client how best to limit the costs exposure through third party funding, debt sale or conditional fee arrangements.

## A New Approach to Dispute Resolution

Our founder, Tom Birch Reynardson has recognized that there is an increasing demand for a new approach to litigation and arbitration in London. In order to deliver a service which is acceptable to clients including those who fund litigation costs, it is necessary to maintain a low cost base, to seek "fast track" approaches to dispute resolution, to use untraditional, perhaps unconventional ways of resolving disputes, and to consider methods of funding litigation which relieve the client from some or all of the financial pain of taking a case to court or arbitration.

Law firms need to adapt to the new legal climate in England, and we have the flexibility and innovative approach to do so.

Unusually for a law firm we have the support of several entrepreneurial businesses which are involved in asset identification, forensic accounting, litigation funding and debt trading. These close links help us to put together innovative solutions to dispute resolution and asset recovery.



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## Arbitration

We have over 25 years' experience in arbitration in the UK and internationally. We have arbitrated matters subject to most international arbitration rules such as those of the LMAA, ICC, LCIA, GAFTA, FOSFA, the LME, the London Sugar Association and the Liverpool Cotton Exchange. We also have extensive experience of cross-border and investment dispute resolution subject to other leading institutional rules – SIAC, SCC, AAA (International) and experience of PCA (The Hague), CMAC and CIETAC. We have lawyers who were involved in some of the early ICSID investment cases.

The combined expertise of our lawyers in arbitrating in jurisdictions other than England and Wales covers major jurisdictions where arbitrations arise including France, Germany, Sweden, Russia, The Netherlands, Spain, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, China and the US.

Tom Birch Reynardson has spoken and published articles on many aspects of arbitration, in particular in relation to cutting arbitration costs.

## Litigation

We have a great deal of experience of the Courts in England and Wales having been involved in cases in the Queens Bench (Commercial Court), Court of Appeal and House of Lords/Privy Council. Our experience of the procedure in these courts is such that we can handle all commercial disputes to the full satisfaction of any client. Our focus is on international commercial disputes, in particular international trade, investment and finance, marine and non-marine insurance, maritime claims and all forms of contractual claims involving high value businesses such as energy and shipping.

We have particular experience in Sovereign immunity, asset identification and attachment, enforcement of arbitration awards, international insolvency, private & public international law issues as well as the scrutiny and application of foreign law before the courts.

## Mediation

We encourage mediation and have amongst our team accredited (CEDR) and experienced mediators. We can also provide mediation venue services in Oxfordshire where parties come together in a unique "out of town" atmosphere conducive to reaching agreement.



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