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Ann is a partner in the Commercial Disputes team. She has 20 years experience in handling a broad range of disputes principally in the IT sector, the food sector and the manufacturing sector. Ann advises clients on a broad range of issues, from product recall to interpretation of complex software agreements, complex fraud issues and general contractual interpretation.

Ann has extensive experience in all aspects of court applications, most notably injunctions (whether defending such applications brought or indeed pursuing them). Ann has also participated, with clients, in more than 100 mediations as well as numerous arbitrations. Ann is regularly involved in issues concerning the interpretation of different laws and the conflict of laws.

Chambers UK legal directory 2009 describes Ann as “...utterly brilliant - her straight-talking, no-nonsense attitude really gets results.”

Examples of legal experience

- Acting for a pharmaceutical company in defending a multi-million claim brought in relation to complex issues of economic duress, a previous settlement under arbitration proceedings and quantification and remoteness of loss.
- Acting for a European logistics company in relation to a multi-million pound claim brought for alleged wrongful termination of contract and taking the matter to a successful mediation.
- Acting on behalf of a storage company in complex legal and practical issues arising out of a fire, including challenging insurers in terms of cover and assisting the client in a strategy to minimise value of claims (in some cases group claimants) to be paid out.

- Acting on behalf of service provider to a large utility company and successfully obtaining a strike out of a multi-million pound claim.
- Acting on behalf of international global IT company and successfully challenging the definition of confidential information in the context of misuse of such information by former employees.
- Acting for a client in a successful resolution of a dispute involving technical questions of interpretation of a contract of sale / option agreement and the trigger mechanisms involving a summary judgment/ strike out application.
- Successful challenge of multi-million pound claim brought by a claimant in a Court of Appeal relating to issues of fraud and land statutes.
- Acting for a large retailer challenging the remit of authority of a governmental body and successfully challenging its powers.
- Successfully bringing an injunction on behalf of a retail client against a manufacturer to prevent goods from being shipped overseas until the contractual issues had been resolved in court.
- Acting for shareholders in a dispute involving interpretation of company law issues and injunctive relief relating thereto.
- Successfully negotiating settlement in a complex multi-party IT contract where contractual terms were in issue.
- Successfully arguing applicability of UK law in a supply contract and obtaining substantial damages for the client.

Additional information

Ann speaks French and German and regularly acts for French and German clients on disputes involving contractual issues and applicability of different choices of law.

Career experience

2009 Partner, Hill Hofstetter LLP

2004 Partner, Hammonds LLP

- 1999 Partner, Wragge & Co LLP
- 1995 Associate, Wragge & Co LLP
- 1991 Assistant Dibb Lipton Broomhead (now DLA Piper)
- 1989 Needham & James

Legal Education

- 1989 Law Society Finals - Chester College of Law

Undergraduate education

- 1988 LLB Hons (Law with French), University of Birmingham