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Jonathan heads up our business and professional risk department comprising commercial dispute resolution, construction, employment and professional indemnity. He handles complex commercial contract and trade disputes for major domestic and international corporations. He works across a variety of sectors with particular expertise in the manufacturing, retail, logistics and energy sectors.

For almost 25 years, Jonathan has helped clients resolve hundreds of commercial disputes, often for blue chip names in the private sector. The fact that Jonathan's team continually attracts high value, technically complex instructions is testament to the quality of work and exceptional results which the team as a whole delivers.

Clients particularly value Jonathan's ability to cut through the legal issues and focus on what really matters – often, that is a commercially driven outcome rather than a costly, time-consuming race to the court door. While trials have their place, Jonathan recognises the benefits for his clients of engaging in mediation or other forms of ADR to help achieve economically sensible results.

Jonathan sits on the firm's Exec which is responsible for delivering the firm's strategy and on the Partnership Committee which oversees and directs the structure, development, career progression and reward of the firm's partners and directors.

Featured experience

Twin Hill

Acting as virtual General Counsel to the UK parent company of Twin Hill Acquisition Co, Inc to advise on litigation strategy and key risk issues arising from a suite of product liability litigation in the US seeking up to \$500m in damages due to allegedly defective uniforms supplied by Twin Hill to 65,000 American Airlines employees.

Global mining equipment manufacturer

Defending the world's leading manufacturer of surface and underground mining equipment in a \$142m ICC arbitration concerning the quality and fitness for purpose of equipment used in a Siberian coal mine. The final hearing, four years after the arbitration began, involved coordinating the testimony of experts and factual witnesses from nine countries.

Boots UK

Successfully defending Boots UK against a series of multimillion-pound claims which stemmed from the alleged unlawful termination of a long-term contract for the design/supply of childrenswear sold in 300 stores nationwide. The case is now a leading reported authority on the absence of an implied duty of good faith in commercial contracts

Big 6 energy supplier

Advising one of the 'big six' energy suppliers in a claim for damages in excess of £30m against the main supplier of IT outsourced services for business-critical services such as on-line servicing bookings, virus/security protection and the system allowing trading on the energy futures market.

Expertise

Business ownership disputes

Commercial dispute resolution

Commercial dispute resolution for retail

Consumer and e-commerce

Dispute resolution and litigation

International dispute resolution

Partnership disputes

Technology disputes

Testimonials

"Jonathan Tardif is absolutely excellent. He is an extremely good lawyer, always commercial & practical, very responsive and efficient. His and the team's expertise in international or jurisdictional/applicable law cases is impressive and, to my knowledge, unique in the area."

Legal 500 2023,

"He is top class - a fantastic solicitor to work with in all respects."

Chambers and Partners 2023,

"Jonathan is one of the most talented and down-to-earth lawyers I've ever worked with."

Chambers and Partners 2023,

"Jonathan understands our requirements and applies industry knowledge in delivering practical solutions to our legal issues."

Chambers 2022 ,

