

Global Disputes Practice London Office



Who Are We?

King & Spalding has over 500 disputes lawyers working across 19 offices around the world. Lawyers in the London global disputes practice operate as part of this highly integrated international team, bringing wide-ranging experience and expertise in all areas of dispute resolution, including investment treaty and international commercial arbitration, UK court litigation, ADR, corporate governance, general contract and risk management advice, and investigations.

Being a truly cohesive international team, we pride ourselves on being able to provide genuine local knowledge and understanding of a wide variety of systems of laws and procedures in a cost-effective manner. Our team is ideally placed to provide critical insight into the best forum in which to seek to resolve disputes and ways in which multi-jurisdiction dispute tactics can be deployed for strategic advantage to our clients.

The London global disputes practice has highly developed in-house advocacy capabilities underpinning the disputes team's "one stop shop" service with three Queen's Counsel (QCs) and several other highly experienced advocates within the team. The disputes handled by the practice have included projects and parties across Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, Europe and North America and have involved a range of industries such as energy, mining, construction, utilities, insurance, healthcare, telecommunications, high technology, data processing and water services, among others. With a multi-cultural group of international lawyers who are trained in some of the world's most complex legal systems and who are fluent in many of the most widely spoken languages, the group is able to effectively and efficiently handle cases anywhere in the world.

What Do We Do?

We are creative problem solvers—business lawyers able to provide seamless cross-border advice, assisting our clients in achieving greater certainty of outcome, process and the cost-benefit analysis of every case. Throughout each stage of any dispute process, we take steps to minimise cost uncertainty with the use of case budgets and regular and proactive monitoring.

We understand that our clients' priorities vary widely depending on the nature of a particular dispute. We appreciate that the financial repercussions of any dispute are not the only consideration and recognise both the internal and external impact of disputes, including such issues as business reputation.

"King & Spalding's London Disputes practice knows how to work with clients and know what service clients require."

Chambers UK 2016

One of the Top 5 International Arbitration practices worldwide in 2015 & 2016.

Global Arbitration Review

Ranked in Band 1 for International Arbitration.

Chambers Global 2015 & 2016



“They are client-friendly in approach and able to put a very capable team together for big disputes.”
—2017 Chambers UK

King & Spalding’s disputes practice is “very well known, very experienced and has very high-quality people.”

—Chambers Global 2015

What Do We Do? (cont’d.)

The practice is renowned for having:

Bespoke full-service dispute resolution: offering clients the full spectrum of dispute resolution options, so matters can be solved through litigation, arbitration or mediation depending on the merits of each individual case.

Commercial awareness: ensuring that all advice reflects the commercial interest of our clients. As well as “red in tooth and claw” litigation, emphasis is also placed on pre-litigation advice, including how to avoid litigation, when to pursue cases and reputational management.

Industry knowledge: being a “go to firm” with a special focus on energy—particularly oil and gas—financial services, IT and telecommunications, and shipping, aerospace and defence. The firm’s clients are from around the world and are served from a number of the firm’s international offices, with London often acting as a hub.

Why King & Spalding?

- Global 50 law firm with more than 1000 lawyers
- 19 offices across Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the United States
- Conducts business in more than 160 countries across six continents
- Represents more than 250 public companies, including half of the Fortune Global 100
- Full-service law firm active in all major practice areas across disputes, corporate and finance
- In addition to our commitment to quality and depth of experience, three traits differentiate King & Spalding lawyers from other top firms:
 - **Client service.** We train all of our lawyers on our client service principles, and we hire, retain and promote people who personify them.
 - **Strategic focus.** Our clients tell us that across every practice area, King & Spalding brings a strategic focus in its legal advice. We want to understand our clients’ business objectives and help our clients achieve them. We want to hone in on what’s important. We are willing to make recommendations.
 - **IQ + EQ.** The third differentiator is more intangible, but clients tell us it is equally important. We look for lawyers who bring not just IQ, but also EQ—emotional intelligence. We care about our clients and the relationship, and we treat our clients, adversaries and each other with respect.

What Others Say About Our London Global Disputes Team

- **Tom Sprange QC** is ranked as a leading individual for international Arbitration and cited as “brilliant” in Legal 500 2015.
- The “very dynamic” **Sarah Walker** “has a very shrewd grasp of the way litigation is going to unfold. She also has a very charming and persuasive way of handling the whole case” as noted in 2016 Chambers UK.
- **John Savage QC** is cited as “a gifted strategist in international arbitration matters” in Chambers Global 2017.
- **Nicholas Cherryman** is described in Chambers UK 2017 as “an experienced advocate representing major corporates and institutions in the UK and abroad. He also handles complex arbitration proceedings.”
- **John Savage QC** is ranked in Band 1 in 2016 Chambers Global Arbitration (International) and cited as “undoubtedly one of the highest-profile arbitration practitioners...”
- Legal 500 UK 2016 International Arbitration recognised the “solutions-oriented’ **Thomas Sprange QC**, ‘efficient’ **Stuart Isaacs QC**, and **Sarah Walker** (who is ‘a pleasure to work with’) alongside **Nicholas Cherryman**, **Ruth Byrne** and **Egishe Dzhazoyan**.”
- **Stuart Isaacs QC** is ranked in Band 1 in the Chambers Global for Arbitration International. Interviewees cite him as an “absolutely excellent” arbitrator who is increasingly active in Asia.
- 2016 Chambers UK describes **Egishe Dzhazoyan** as “very proactive,” praising his “unique scope of experience” in Russia and CIS-related disputes.
- Market sources appreciate **Ruth Byrne**’s “very organised and structured approach” as discussed in 2016 Chambers UK.