Litigation & Dispute Resolution

We are a leading UK litigation practice, providing clients with a sure-footed approach in relation to all types of disputes.

We understand that most clients, whether commercial or private, would prefer to resolve a dispute without resorting to litigation, and at minimum expense. With this in mind, and with an in-depth knowledge of litigation practice and the increasingly complex area of alternative dispute resolution, we are able to put clients in the best position to make informed decisions to bring about resolution of even the most complex situations.

Our litigation practice is built on a framework of specialists who combine solid general contentious skills with expertise in specific areas such as:
- Arbitration
- Class action litigation
- Competition law
- Debt recovery
- Employment disputes and claims
- Fraud
- Insolvency and restructuring
- Insurance litigation
- Intellectual property (copyright, trademarks, patents etc.)
- Professional negligence
- Property and construction litigation

Edwin Coe is at the forefront of the growing field of ‘group actions’, and in particular, securities fraud disputes. We are one of a handful of UK firms specialising in this type of work, bringing cases against entities whose actions have caused damage to small or large groups of people, also referred to as ‘class action’ litigation. We advise on the stages involved in pursuing a group action and the various options for funding.

Class Action Litigation

Class Actions and Securities Fraud

- Successfully taking proceedings in the Competition Appeal Tribunal on behalf of 32,000 members of the Association of Convenience Stores to win a review of the groceries sector by the Competition Commission.
- Acting for shareholders of Railtrack in the UK’s leading class action against the Secretary of State for Transport, alleging misfeasance in public office.
- Acting for publicans pursuing damages claims against breweries to whom they were improperly tied.
- Acting for the main action group representing depositors of the collapsed Icelandic bank, Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander (Isle of Man) Limited, (KSFOM).
- Representing 150,000 Northern Rock private shareholders, in their attempt to secure improved compensation following nationalisation of the bank.

Examples of our work
One of the firm’s most outstanding qualities is its ability to handle complex issues at the intersection of various fields of law, such as corporate and finance, and to use its vast collective experience in solving complex, multi-jurisdictional problems.

Other Commercial Litigation

- Acting for wealthy British investors who lost money in the Bernard Madoff “Ponzi” fraud, and preparing a lawsuit against European asset management firms that acted as intermediaries.
- Acting for a group of private investors in a claim against an AIM listed company and its founders who circulated fraudulent claims to shareholders and then subsequently sold their shares in a rising market before the company collapsed.
- Acting for members of the farming community in relation to a number of complaints against their former solicitors, Bristol firm Burges Salmon.
- Acting for a number of Yukos related companies in relation to multi-jurisdictional disputes including claims for promissory notes worth billions and resisting Government requests for disclosure of information and extradition.

Insurance Litigation

Edwin Coe has carved out a particular niche in handling claimant insurance litigation, having built a strong track record in this field over the past 30 years with a stream of high-profile instructions involving liability and coverage disputes, claims for business interruption, and negligence claims against brokers.

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