

RECENT LITIGATION WORK HIGHLIGHTS

RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A DUBAI JUDGMENT IN ENGLAND

We successfully acted for a business seeking to enforce a Dubai judgment in England for about £45 million. The Defendant resisted enforcement on the basis that the Dubai judgment was tainted by illegality in an underlying commodities contract. In 2021, the Court of Appeal dismissed the Defendant's appeal and the Defendant was refused permission to appeal to the Supreme Court in May 2022.

Value: \$46 million +

CRYPTOCURRENCY FRAUD CLAIM

We acted for the Defendant in this cryptocurrency fraud claim. On behalf of our client we successfully applied to the Commercial Court to strike out the proprietary claims made against him. The Commercial Court considered for the first time whether cryptocurrencies could be held on trust, for the purposes of establishing a proprietary right over those assets.

Value: \$2 million +

CLARIFICATION OF THE REFLECTIVE LOSS PRINCIPLE AND A NEW TORT OF INTERFERENCE WITH A JUDGMENT DEBT

We acted for the Defendant from the High Court (which acknowledged a new tort of interference with a judgment debt – the "Marex Tort") to the Supreme Court in the landmark case on the reflective loss principle, which is widely regarded as one of the most significant commercial cases of recent times.

Value: \$10 million +

ART LAW – HIGH VALUE DISPUTE OVER PAINTING

We acted for a business in a Commercial Court claim, following Sotheby's decision to refund the purchaser of a painting sold for approximately US\$10m.

Value: \$10 million +

SUCCESSFUL CHALLENGE OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE BVI COURTS

In this case we acted for the Defendant (in the BVI Commercial Court, through a local agent) where the Claimant alleged that the First defendant (a BVI company) conspired with others and corrupted court officials in Tanzania in order to misappropriate shares in a mobile telephone company said to be worth US\$192m. We successfully challenged the jurisdiction of the BVI Courts.

Value: \$192 million +

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