

Michael Roberts

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Biography

Michael Roberts is a commercial litigator with an established track record of delivering results for clients even in the most complex and challenging scenarios. He regularly handles cases involving allegations of fraud or corruption and set against the backdrop of a corporate collapse or the breakdown of a JV relationship.

Michael also assists clients to navigate the practical challenges presented by FCPA and Bribery Act compliance issues and to manage internal or regulatory investigations.

Michael has a wealth of experience conducting investigations and using the full range of the Court's powers to trace and recover misappropriated assets or secure compensation. Michael has been at the forefront of developments in this area for the past 15 years, being centrally involved in leading cases such as Madoff and the Tajik Aluminium litigation.

For several years, Michael acted for BTA Bank on the largest fraud ever to come before the English Courts (and involving satellite proceedings in numerous other jurisdictions). In 2013, Hogan Lovells was awarded the The Lawyer's 'Litigation Team of the Year' award for its ground-breaking work on the BTA Bank case.

More recently, Michael was successful in securing a



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Languages

French
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Practices

Corporate and Shareholder
Litigation
Investigations, White Collar, and
Fraud
Litigation Services
Commercial Litigation
Insolvency Litigation

Industries

landmark victory at the Court of Appeal for client ENRC against the UK Serious Fraud Office in a historic decision which will have lasting implications for the law of privilege in the UK. He was also the lead partner acting for the Russian 'Deposit Insurance Agency' in connection with its proceedings against the oligarch and former senator, Sergei Pugachev. The litigation has generated a number of landmark precedents, including several Court of Appeal decisions, regarding worldwide freezing orders, cross-border insolvency and asset-tracing.

In addition to litigation in England, Michael also has significant experience litigating in off-shore jurisdictions, including the BVI, the Cayman Islands, Jersey and Cyprus. He was also previously based in Hogan Lovells' New York office.

Representative experience

Representing the Deposit Insurance Agency on its high profile and ground-breaking litigation against the oligarch and former senator Sergei Pugachev (often dubbed 'Putin's Banker').

Successfully representing a major Russian business in connection with a multi-jurisdictional dispute relating to 'poison pill' tactics following the exercise of a call option.

Acting for the BVI receiver of a joint venture company at the heart of the long-running Tajik Aluminium litigation.

Advising a major international client in connection with an investigation and subsequent prosecution by the Serious Fraud Office relating to overseas corruption.

Acting for EADS in connection with an internal investigation into the delays to Airbus' flagship A380 programme.

Acting for BTA Bank on its long-running litigation

Energy and Natural Resources
Life Sciences and Health Care
Financial Institutions

Areas of focus

Bribery and Corruption

Education and admissions

Education

University of Oxford

against Mukhtar Ablyazov and successfully obtaining control of a port near Murmansk.

Acting for a global medical devices company on an investigation into suspected corrupt practices involving healthcare practitioners in several European jurisdictions.

Latest thinking and events

- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells wins CSR Programme of the Year at the Legal Business Awards 2019
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells wins historic privilege appeal on behalf of ENRC
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises the Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation in landmark privilege appeal
- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells wins IP Team of the Year at 2018 The Lawyer Awards: The firm is also commended for its litigation, real estate and pro bono work
- Events
 - Global bribery and corruption webcast
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Global bribery and corruption outlook 2018