

Chris Hardman

Partner

London

Biography

An award-winning commercial litigator, Chris handles some of Hogan Lovells' most significant and complex litigation mandates. Chris has substantial experience of co-ordinating major, multi-centre and multi-discipline disputes, which has led to him being acknowledged as 'strategically remarkable.' Chris's work by its very nature is international and he has an unparalleled hands-on track record of managing the largest cross-border matters, often with a fraud-related element.

His work on the BTA Bank matter, for instance, has been universally lauded and has been described as 'extraordinary litigation on a large scale' and 'the most ground-breaking recent case by common consensus'. He has particular knowledge in obtaining and enforcing some of the most powerful orders available, such as freezing injunctions, receivership orders, search orders and disclosure orders. He has rightfully gained a formidable reputation and is known as the go-to litigator for Russian and CIS related disputes.

Chris has earned top tier rankings across the board in *Chambers*, *Legal 500* and *Who's Who Legal* for Commercial Litigation, Fraud and Asset Recovery. His work on ground-breaking cases is recognized by peers and clients alike. Chris led the team to win both the American Lawyer Global Litigation Team of the Year Award in 2014 and the Lawyer Litigation team of the



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Languages

English

Practices

Litigation Services

Commercial Litigation

Investigations, White Collar, and
Fraud

Education and admissions

Education

The College of Law, Chester, 1995

year in 2013.

Representative experience

Acting for Victor Pinchuk in his disputes with Igor Kolomoisky and Gennady Bogolyubov relating to various major industrial assets in Ukraine.

Acting for Konstantin Grigorishin in his dispute with Vladimir Lukyanenko concerning a major industrial plant in Ukraine.

Advising the liquidators of Mezhprombank in Russia on claims against its former Chairman, Sergei Pugachev.

Representing a major Russian Group in a dispute in the Isle of Man concerning ownership of the leading mobile telephone operators in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Awards and rankings

- Chris Hardman is highly regarded for his work for CIS-based clients and is exceptionally well thought of in the fraud space. Sources say: "He is very formidable, super smart and hugely strategic." Another interviewee enthuses: "He is an absolute star, just fantastically impressive without being pompous or self-important.", *Chambers London (Firms), Litigation, 2016*
- Chris Hardman is described by market sources as "an excellent strategist" and "one of the best negotiators." He is a skilled commercial litigator who deals with large, high-profile fraud matters and is adept at locating and freezing assets across multiple jurisdictions., *Chambers UK-wide, Fraud: Civil, 2016*
- Chris Hardman is a "very impressive" fraud practitioner with a particular focus on disputes arising in the CIS and enjoys "a humongous reputation for Russian work."
- Determined litigator Chris Hardman enjoys a high profile in the market, with sources highlighting his expertise in Russian and CIS disputes.
- "A formidable litigator, and strategically and tactically

Inns of Court School of Law,
London, 1991

LL.B., University of Manchester,
1990

Memberships

The Law Society

Accolades

"top-level, superb litigator";
"excellent lawyer technically"; "really practical and knowledgeable"

Chambers UK, 2020, Commercial and Corporate Litigation

"Master tactician"; "one of the best litigators in London"; "He will outmanoeuvre you in no time"

Chambers UK, 2020, Fraud: Civil

'A formidable litigator, and strategically and tactically brilliant.'

Legal 500 UK, 2020, Commercial litigation

"...Chris Hardman is working on some of the largest matters currently before the English courts,..."

Legal 500 UK, 2020, Commercial litigation

brilliant. "He has particular experience in dealing with Russian litigation matters. Chambers 2015 – Band 1 Civil Fraud., 2015

- Led the team to win the American Lawyer Global Litigation Team of the Year Award . Led the team that won the Lawyer Litigation team of the year, 2014
- Chris is described as an "immaculate litigator" by peers. He regularly advises commercial and manufacturing clients in relation to complex international cross-border shareholder disagreements.
- Fraud: Civil Chris is hailed as "a master organiser" by sources, who say that he is "a pleasure to work with, and extremely astute.", *Chambers UK*
- Fraud: Civil - The "enormously experienced and very talented" Chris Hardman is described by one source as "the sharpest legal mind in the city." He is widely renowned for his expertise in handling high-value civil fraud cases and asset tracing, and is regularly appointed to take the lead on the most complex multi-jurisdictional matters, particularly those concerning Russia and the CIS., *Chambers UK, 2018*
- Commercial and Corporate Litigation - has a stellar reputation for his work acting for corporate clients in disputes in the Commercial Court. He has far-reaching international experience, including major cases concerning Russia, the CIS and offshore jurisdictions. Sources describe him as a "phenomenal litigator" who is "relentless" in pursuing cases., *Chambers UK, 2018*

'extraordinary litigation on a large scale'

Legal 500 UK, 2020, Commercial litigation

"...is Chris Hardman, who applies his 'litigation nous' to large fraud cases involving Russia and the CIS."

Legal 500 UK, 2020, Fraud: civil

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Legal 500 UK, 2020, Commercial litigation
