

Dipti Hunter
Partner

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Dipti is a partner at Keidan Harrison LLP, having joined the firm in May 2021. She qualified in 1998 and brings with her over 20 years of experience of commercial litigation and civil fraud expertise. Previously Dipti helped lead the Commercial Disputes Team at global professional services firm PwC LLP for over 4 years. Dipti advised PwC's clients on a wide range of disputes spanning commercial/contractual, banking, civil fraud and trusts, corporate/shareholder and contentious financial investments.

Dipti's clients have included multi-national companies, private family businesses as well as high net worth individuals. Dipti has significant disputes expertise including experience of complex commercial litigation, international arbitration and cases involving allegations of fraud. She has previously worked for a number of leading city practices including Pinsent Masons LLP, Memery Crystal LLP and DAC Beachcroft LLP.

Practice and experience

Dipti's cases have included advising high net worth individuals and companies on a broad range of disputes including heated investment disputes, managing complex cross border asset tracing projects, settling complex procurement disputes and advising on contentious trusts litigation in various offshore jurisdictions. The cases have involved a number of jurisdictions including working in many international disputes been involved in cases involving proceedings in Europe, North America, Eurasia, Mauritius, South Africa, Cayman, BVI, Channel Islands, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia and the Middle East.

Dipti's expertise covers a wide spectrum of industry sectors. Recent clients have included clients in the property, energy, defence, charity, technology, engineering and manufacturing sectors. Dipti has also worked on a number of tax and pensions related professional negligence matters for clients looking to make applications to the Court for clarification of Trustee powers and rectification of mistakes, including Hastings Bass relief.

Dipti is passionate about ensuring clients are prepared for the often-challenging journey through the courts and ensuring that clients' objectives are at the forefront of the litigation strategy. Clients value Dipti's approach to explaining complex legal issues and her tenacity in breaking down

the issues to find common ground for leveraging a settlement using alternative dispute resolution methods.

Dipti has a broad practice and advises on all aspects of commercial disputes but has a particular interest in matters where allegations of fraud are asserted. Dipti is also well known as a supervising solicitor and has supervised a number of search orders for various law firms. Dipti also has a keen interest in Covid19, ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) and Brexit-related risks and what this means for the evolution of the litigation landscape.

What the legal directories say

Dipti has been recognised in the Legal 500 for a number of years and more recently recommended as follows:

“Dipti Hunter... is smart, tough and widely experienced. She has litigated all sorts of disputes (with all sorts of interim applications) in all sorts of different jurisdictions. There’s nothing she can’t handle.”

“Dipti Hunter is an exceptionally tenacious litigator who leaves no stone unturned.”

“I have worked with Dipti Hunter who is superb.... She has the mental agility to administer large commercial matters of significant complexity. A real interest in commercial and banking law. A superb team leader of the sort that is vital in a commercial matter of any scale. A loyal team player who is unrelenting in the service of her clients.”

Previous case examples

- Breach of fiduciary duty claim, in relation to private equity investments by an investment fund in Eurasia where monies invested had been siphoned from the intended investments;
- Advising on enforcement of freezing orders against third parties including implications for financial institutions and individuals;
- Advising on a complex fraud claim concerning a shareholder dispute in the private health sector which included enforcement of multiple freezing orders in Hong Kong and UK proceedings;
- Advising on Part 8 application by company to consider trustee powers and changes to indexation on pension funds in various sectors including the charity and defence sectors;
- Advising on urgent applications for search orders and delivery-up orders;
- Mis-selling claims against various banks and financial institutions;
- A landmark Islamic finance dispute for a Middle Eastern bank regarding Shar’iah compliance of a disputed wakala;
- Advising on global litigation risk audit arising from multi-billion dollar contracts in the engineering sector
- Provisional liquidation brought by HMRC in relation to non-payment of indirect taxes;

- Application for Hastings Bass relief to reverse transfer of assets to an offshore trust;
- Rectification and equitable mistake Part 8 proceedings regarding unilateral mistake following breaches of fiduciary duty/professional duty of care;
- Advising on Part 7 claim proceedings, successfully defending clients from misrepresentation claim.

Dipti's reported cases include:

Abbar v Saudi Economic & Development Co (SEDCO) Real Estate Ltd [2013] EWHC 1414 (Ch)
(24 May 2013)

Investment Dar Co KSCC v Blom Development Bank SAL Ref: [2009] EWHC 3545 (Ch)

Mount Anvil Group Ltd v Volans Management Ltd (2009)

Areas of Expertise

Commercial Litigation

Mediation and other forms of ADR including arbitration

Financial and Banking Disputes

Commercial Fraud including injunctive relief applications considering hacking and data Theft

Real Estate development Disputes

Company Law Disputes including shareholder disputes and director duties

Cross-Border Insolvency

Asset Tracing

Relevant Qualifications

Solicitor (England & Wales)

Memberships

Former Vice-Chair, Commercial Litigation Association (CLAN)

Member, Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association (CFLA)

Member, Association of Pensions Lawyers (APL)