

# PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT AND BUSINESS SERVICES

BEHIND THE SCENES ADVICE TO MEET YOUR BUSINESS OBJECTIVES

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We work with well-known professional services firms providing high-profile advice to help them achieve their business objectives.

## [Partnerships and LLPs](#)

Disputes between LLP members are commonplace. While the market has gradually improved, many firms have reorganised and seen the downturn as a time to re-evaluate their business model. Previous focus on downsizing has shifted with firms now concentrating on recruiting in growth areas, both domestically and internationally.

We have established ourselves as the firm to which professionals turn for partnership advice. Our work is often behind the scenes—as it is rarely in our clients' interests for their affairs to be disclosed in public—but we have been involved in a range of high-profile advice for many well-known professional services firms.

## [Outsourcing](#)

We work with clients on strategic, complex and cross-border outsourcings, offshorings and shared service centres, particularly where challenging regulatory or procurement issues are involved.

We have also worked with the major sourcing consultants, utilising their methodologies or adopting our own best practice approach.

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## RECENT EXPERIENCE

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## **TIM ATTIAS, SANTIAGO ALARCO AND CATHERINE CRIPPS**

Defending a claim brought by Rubicon Fund Management LLP and others for approximately £105 million alleging unlawful means conspiracy and conspiracy to injure as well as breach of confidence

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## **IKOS AM AND IKOS CIF**

Acting on high profile proceedings brought by a former director of the hedge fund asserting ownership of intellectual property used by IKOS and alleging infringement of copyright and database rights. The claim involved issues of partnership and misuse of confidential information. The case went to trial in March 2013 and we successfully defended the claim against IKOS and in particular that the intellectual property was initially partnership property, contrary to the claim of the former director

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## **MAN GROUP PLC:**

Advising on its £220 million landmark IT project with two global providers for a range of services, including the development of an IT platform and the outsourcing of a range of shareholder, transfer agency, valuation and custody services in relation to Man's global network of approximately 700 funds worldwide. The team was awarded Commercial Team of the Year at the British Legal Awards 2011 for their work on this transaction

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## **BHP BILLITON**

Advising on the management of its global outsourcing of the Group's enterprise infrastructure services functions to IBM

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## THE CABINET OFFICE/MYCSP

Advising on the government's mutualisation and partial divestment of the civil service pension provider, and £250 million long term services framework contract and new IT platform for pension administration and related services disbursing £4 billion of pension payments each year, to more than 250 employing departments, and related sub-contract arrangements

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