

Dispute Resolution

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Taking charge



The business environment has never been more complex.

Nor more prone to disputes.

Companies today operate in an intensely competitive global marketplace. The stakes are higher. The deals are bigger. And cross-border transactions introduce a host of variables, from conflicting laws to competing venues. In this environment, disputes are inevitable.

Navigating them successfully requires a combination of global experience and local knowledge. Practitioners who are adept across a broad range of business and legal issues. And highly sensitive to subtleties of custom and culture.

At Baker & McKenzie, we work first to assess your legal risks and liabilities, to identify problems before they emerge. And when disputes happen, we help you choose and carry out the right strategy. Our aim is always to help you resolve the problem, not merely manage the process. To address your business goals, not just your legal needs.

Where litigation is required, our lawyers have the experience and know-how to take complex cross-border issues to court, fighting aggressively and incisively on your behalf. And where arbitration, mediation or other forms of alternative dispute resolution are the best option, our lawyers are recognised amongst the world's best.

Our Global Dispute Resolution Practice includes more than 600 lawyers experienced in litigation, arbitration, mediation and all forms of alternative dispute resolution. We practice in more than 60 jurisdictions worldwide.

With our international network of offices, we provide fully integrated advice, consistent quality of service in all jurisdictions, and a single point of billing, review and reporting for all disputes matters.

Our dispute resolution skills, combined with solid industry and issue-area knowledge, ensure that your legal strategies directly support your business goals.



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Here are ways we help:

- **Strategic litigation analysis.** Legal opinions on potential liabilities, disputes audits and pre-litigation planning — all designed to help you manage risk on a global or regional basis.
- **Litigation services** spanning every manner of dispute, from breach of contract to product liability to fraud and asset tracing. We guide you through all aspects of the litigation/arbitral process, including court/tribunal appearances, selection and management of experts, development and execution of strategy, and conduct of hearings and settlement negotiations.
- **Arbitration counsel.** With more than 200 lawyers, our International Commercial Arbitration Group is one of the largest in the world, providing exceptional representation before the major arbitral bodies.
- **Alternative dispute resolution.** Our lawyers are at the forefront of pioneering ADR techniques and, together with accredited mediators, offer a strong complement to our litigation services.

Did You Know?

Litigation can often consume up to 40% of corporate legal budgets.

Increasing litigation means companies have less to spend on strategic initiatives such as intellectual property and mergers and acquisitions.

The hidden costs of litigation include impacts on public reputation, employee morale and shareholder confidence.

International disputes between governments and businesses are growing rapidly.

Eighty percent of participants in one ADR program found mediation resulted in procedural or transactional savings over litigation.

International arbitration awards are easier to enforce in foreign countries than awards made by courts.

China has more than 8 million mediators, handling more than 6 million civil disputes annually.

Baker & McKenzie provides sophisticated legal advice and services to the world's most dynamic global enterprises and has done so for more than 50 years.

Our network of lawyers is amongst the world's most diverse and respected. We come from more than 60 countries and speak more than five dozen languages, including a common one, English. We are guided by a culture of integrity, personal responsibility, friendship and tenacious client service.

Our unique approach enables clients to call upon more than 3,000 locally qualified, globally experienced lawyers in over 36 countries. We deliver the broad scope of quality legal services required to respond to any business need — consistently, confidently and with sensitivity for cultural, social and legal practice differences.