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Litigation: Third Party Funding

Exploring opportunities in the new litigation & arbitration funding market

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Following recent rulings permitting third party litigation funding, this conference explores the substantial growth of the litigation & arbitration funding market place, with in depth insights from the world's market leaders on how to:

- BUILD a third party funded litigation practice with access to funding sources and with a complete understanding of the latest market developments
- IDENTIFY opportunities in the new market and exploit them so as to maximise opportunities for your firm
- RECOGNISE the legal obstacles which surrounded third party funding and how recent case law has changed everything
- UNDERSTAND what is coming next in this exciting market place and how to take advantage
- ANALYSE global developments and put them into context
- CREATE effective solutions for different types of litigation in different key jurisdictions

INCLUDING:

- Keynote presentation from Sir Gavin Lightman QC
- Update on Champerty & Maintenance from Matthew Collings QC, Maitland Chambers
- Presentations from 20+ senior industry leaders

WITH ATTENDANCE BY THIRD PARTY FUNDING SOURCES, INCLUDING: SMITH & WILLIAMSON ALLIANZ, IMF, IMLF, GALS, CONTEXT CAPITAL HARBOUR LITIGATION FUNDING, GALS, AND CALUNIUS CAPITAL PARTNERS

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The market for litigation & arbitration funding is growing and it is an important new sector of interest for corporate clients, lawyers, corporates, insolvency practitioners and, crucially, funding institutions. For the first time, this conference brings together all of the key players in London in March 2008.

As well as examining the legal and technical basis for the development of the litigation funding market, this conference offers delegates an opportunity to understand the pace of change in the litigation funding space, as well as to meet and network among important players in the litigation funding market.

"Lawyers test litigation funding waters"

Financial Times, 5 January 2007

"Private equity drawn to funding private enforcement"

Mlex Comment, 13 July 2007

"Europe explores new ways to fund litigation"

Global Forensics, October 2007

"Fear of third party litigation funding is groundless"

Times, 25 October 2007

"The City wants a slice of this cake as litigation funding is big business"

Evening Standard, November 2007

"...Regulatory reform, third party funding and the UK launch of the top US claimant firm could all herald a more litigious era"

Legal Business, November 2007

"The listing of Juridica, the first litigation specialist to list in London, comes as interest among hedge funds in the legal area develops apace" *Times*, December 2007

CONFERENCE DAY ONE

12 March 2008

09.00 – 09.05

Conference Welcome

09.05 – 09.20

Keynote speech

Sir Gavin Lightman QC

09.20 – 09.50

Past, present, future - 2008; a time of massive change and opportunity: an overview of the changing market in litigation funding & third party financing

Sam Eastwood, Partner, Norton Rose

09.50 – 10.10

Wanton intermeddling: analysing the current rules covering Champerty and Maintenance

Matthew Collings QC, Maitland Chambers

10.10 – 11.10

Panel Presentations: Global litigation funding markets

Moderated by Derek Patterson, Finance Director, IM Litigation Funding

Germany: *Christian Stuerwald, Head of Litigation Funding UK, Allianz ProzessFinanz GmbH*

Australia: *Gordon Grieve, Managing Partner, Piper Alderman*

Wayne Attrill, Litigation Manager IMF (Australia) Ltd

United States: *James Lloyd Loftis, Partner, Vinson & Elkins*

David van Adelsberg, Context Capital Partners

11.10 Networking Break

11.40 - 12.10

Specialist funding: international arbitration/cross-border funding. Arbitration & the case for funding
Nina Hall, Global Arbitration & Litigation Services (GALS)

12.10- 12.40

Specialist funding: mass claims (anti-trust)
Competition or anti-trust litigation: the case for funding
Toby Duthie, Principal, Forensic Risk Alliance (FRA)

Clare Dicksbury, Managing Director, Forensic Risk Alliance (FRA)

Rob Murray, Managing Partner, Europe, Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll LLP

13.00 – 14.00

LUNCH

14.00 – 14.45

Development of the UK market

1) The insolvency exception

Stephen Cork, Head of Restructuring and Recovery, Smith and Williamson

2) Third party funding: a user's perspective

Peter Whalley, Director, Buchanans

14.45 – 15.30

Development of the UK legal market: areas for expansion. The hedge fund: creating a pool to invest in litigation

Susan Dunn,

Harbour Litigation Funding

15.30 – 16.00

Hedge funding /risk transfer

- Risk transfer technology/ managing the financial risks of disputes
- Analysing risk: cost/outcome
- Placing the risk with financial investors

Mark Wells, Partner,

Calunius Capital LLP

16.00 Networking Break

16.30 – 17.00

Risk alignment- conditional fee arrangements.

Attractions and pitfalls for lawyer & client / case studies

Alan Owens,

Commercial Litigation Partner, Irwin Mitchell

Close of first day

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CONFERENCE DAY TWO

13 March 2008

09.00 – 09.05

**Day 2 Chairman: Tom Birch Reynardson,
Senior Partner, Birch Reynardson & Co**

09.05 – 9.30

The litigation market: an assessment

*Kathryn Britten, Partner, BDO Stoy Hayward
James Fraser, Director, LEK Consulting*

09.30 – 10.00

MINI-PANEL: Adverse cost insurance. After-The-Event insurance. Disbursement funders.

*Claire Edwards, Specialist, Funding Solutions
Matthew Williams, Legal Expenses Underwriter, Brit
David Hartley, Director of After-The-Event Services
Abbey Legal Protection
Brian Raincock, Executive Chairman, LawAssist
James Delaney, Director, The Judge*

10.00 - 10.20

Debt sale solutions

*Heleen Rijkens-Unger, Business Development Manager,
Omni Bridgeway
Arjen Thiescheffer, Associate Director, Omni Bridgeway
Debt Trading*

10.20 - 10.40

Sovereign debt: the African perspective

*Julian Sale, Director Business Development,
Africa Alpha Fund Ltd*

10.40 Networking Break

11.15 – 13.15 Masterclass (see box to right)

CONFERENCE DAY TWO MASTERCLASS

March 13, 2008

11.15 – 13.15

MASTERCLASS - Development of the litigation funding market place.

Understanding perspectives of providers in the emerging litigation funding space

Delegates at the conference will be split into three

GROUP A: Tom Birch Reynardson
Birch Reynardson & Co

GROUP B: Sam Eastwood, Norton Rose

GROUP C: Doug Hall, Head of Forensic Services
Smith & Williamson

*David van Adelsburgh, Context Capital Partners
Wayne Attrill, Litigation Manager, IMF (Australia) Ltd
Richard Sheehan, Managing Director, Commercial
Litigation Funding Ltd
Christian Stuerwald, Head of Litigation Funding UK,
Allianz ProzessFinanz GmbH
Mark Wells, Partner, Calunius Capital LLP
Guy Davis, IM Litigation Funding (IMLF)
Bill Keil, Cairn Energy*

Some recent remarks by commentators in relation to the litigation funding revolution:

"...private parties need alternative funding mechanisms if bona fide claims are not to stall..."

"...the factors driving the market are an increasing number of investors, coupled with a change in judicial attitudes to third party litigation funding..."

"An average hedge fund...will be looking to quadruple its money in a few years..."

"The most attractive disputes are the ones with big quantum, lasting a short period, with damages that can definitely be realised and where the facts are agreed"

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