



Martin King

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OVERVIEW

Martin King is a partner and undertakes a wide range of work in complex commercial litigation, international arbitration, and dispute resolution, often with international aspects, for clients in a variety of industry sectors including: sport, betting and gaming, technology, life sciences, and manufacturing and distribution.

Legal 500 2021:

- “Martin King is a popular choice for disputes in the sport, technology, betting and life sciences sectors”
- Testimonials:
 - “Martin King and John Magnin have been outstanding... they have been a joy to work with”
 - “Martin King is recommended for disputes” (Betting and Gaming)

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Martin joined the firm in 2001, qualified as a lawyer in 2003, and obtained a post-graduate diploma in Sports Law in 2003.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- LCIA
- London Solicitor Litigation Association
- Swiss Arbitration Association

EDUCATION

- PgDL, King's College, London, 2003 *Sports Law*
- Legal Practice Course, College of Law, London, 2001

- LL.B., University of Birmingham, 1999

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 8 March 2021, Changes are Coming in Trial Witness Statements in the UK Business and Property Courts (*Alerts/Updates*)
- January 2016, Arbitration World (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 30 September 2015, UK Employment Webinar Series 2015 - September (*Webinar*)
- April 2015, Arbitration World (*Alerts/Updates*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Digital Assets: Novel Dispute Solutions for Novel Technologies," *Corporate Disputes Magazine*, October-December 2021
- Partial Enforcement of International Arbitration Awards, *Arbitration International*, Volume 26 Number 3, 2010

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 March 2018, K&L Gates Names 34 New Partners Across Global Platform (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- International Arbitration

INDUSTRIES

- Betting and Gaming
- Consumer Products
- Sports
- Technology

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Sport

- Advising operator of British racecourses in multi-party litigation regarding horseracing data and media rights protection (including [2019] EWHC 1156 (Ch) and [2020] EWCA Civ 1300), and in relation to regulatory, race fixture, sponsorship, and media rights licensing issues
- Advising international cricket board in a range of arbitrations, litigation and appeals concerning players and their union, international and domestic cricket boards and commercial rights
- Advising global sportswear brand on various sponsorship, licensing, distribution disputes and litigation relating to: Formula One racewear; Premier League football clubs, kit deals and players; a TV documentary; and sports merchandise and endorsements
- Advising global sports entertainment business on signing UK athletes, injury liability risk and fan trespass issues
- Advising listed sports marketing company and professional football clubs on various contractual disputes
- Advising on the British Horseracing Board / Bookmakers litigation [2005] EuLR 924

Betting and Gaming

- ICC Arbitration regarding an online gaming joint-venture
- Advising gaming businesses on disputes regarding affiliate marketing programs, direct marketing and software development projects
- Litigation for high net worth individual concerning a sports betting syndicate
- Advising high net worth individuals on cyber-harassment and reputational issues
- Litigation for online gaming business in negligence claim against former advisers

Technology

- Advising supplier of global distribution system for transport bookings in relation to disputes with major transport providers
- Litigation for multi-national electronics company regarding faulty manufacturing claims
- Advising software provider regarding claims from IT contractor on a quasi-governmental contract to deliver a bespoke knowledge management environment
- Advising film entertainment company on disputes regarding content licensing, unauthorised broadcasts and unpaid advertising segments
- Advising leading provider of software and services for accounting and payroll in major software dispute
- Corporate investigations concerning unlawful transmission of confidential documents, information and software

Life Sciences

- ICC Arbitration relating to the international distribution of nutritional supplements
- International litigation concerning clinical trials testing performed by a global laboratory
- International litigation regarding manufacturing, distribution and use of bio-pesticide
- Advising pharma company on joint-development, licensing and distribution disputes regarding product in development phase, involving clinical trials methodologies and delays in securing marketing authorisations
- Advising speciality pharma business on pricing disputes with distributors under long-term licensing and supply arrangements
- Advising seller of pharma businesses in relation to third-party claims regarding failure of clinical trials and delays in securing marketing authorisations

General Commercial Arbitration, Litigation, and Dispute Resolution

- ICC Arbitration concerning the international distribution of specialty fuel additives
- ICC Arbitration relating to irreparable damage to commercial aircraft
- ICC Arbitration concerning the unauthorised distribution of farming machinery
- LCIA Arbitration relating to private equity investments in South East Asian mining assets
- LCIA fast-track Arbitration concerning a leading Kazakh financial services joint-venture
- Advising on jurisdictional battles involving the enforcement of a billion-dollar foreign judgment and conflicting domestic arbitration awards and court judgments
- Litigation concerning warranty and indemnity claims arising from SPA with a UK Plc (including [2018] EWHC 3486 (Comm) and [2019] EWCA Civ 1376)
- Freezing injunctions in aid of arbitral award enforcement proceedings
- International litigation relating to the recovery of Russian Federation debt by foreign agent
- Litigation for global ATM operator regarding software and related technology for security vehicles
- Litigation for freight forwarding business to protect confidential information and enforce restrictive covenants and related obligations against former executives