

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Few global businesses want their cases to go all the way to trial. It costs a lot, after all, and the time it takes to resolve a dispute is unpredictable. And it's hard to know at the outset whether you'll win or recoup any of your costs. You can damage your brand, too, if the publicity gets out of hand.

So as standard, we encourage you to look at other ways to resolve your dispute, such as mediation, adjudication, expert determination, and early neutral evaluation. ADR is not usually compulsory; in fact, it's sometimes unsuitable, for example, if you're seeking a remedy that only a court can give. But it can preserve your relationship with your opponent, which in some instances is necessary for business continuity or to see a project through.

We work with you in the early stages of your dispute — before a claim is issued, before costs rack up, and before positions get more polarized — to try to avoid full-blown litigation or arbitration. And we continue this as positions change throughout the various stages, even once your trial or arbitration is under way, until judgment.

We're a founder member of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution in London, as well as a prominent member of both the European Centre for Conflict Prevention in The Hague and the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution in New York.

We work with independent, specialist mediators and industry experts to bring disputing parties together to find common ground.

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Representative experience

With Hogan Lovells' help, a U.S. company and a French company settled their multimillion-pound dispute on the third day of mediation, after years of litigation.

Our team represented a party in an international multimillion-Euro commercial dispute, in litigation before the German courts. We helped solve the dispute within a day.

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