



Private Equity and Corporate Disputes

Arnold & Porter's London commercial disputes team is highly experienced in acting on private equity, corporate and partnership disputes. Our practice is multidisciplinary across a range of disputes and industries, enabling us to provide innovative solutions to complex issues. The team has handled major high-stakes private equity, hedge and alternative investment fund disputes.

Our disputes experience includes:

- Handling acquisition and disposal matters including: breach of warranty and completion account disputes and expert determination and interpretation of contracts.
- Handling disputes in relation to ownership of private equity funds: carried interest, partnership, keypersons and removal of the General Partner.
- Advising on disputes associated with the raising of funds: PPM liability, side letters and disclosure obligations.
- Advising on risk reduction for funds and portfolio companies: leading risk reduction products, compliance clubs, bribery/competition, liabilities for fines and regulatory breaches.
- Advising on liability of directors on portfolio companies: liabilities in different jurisdictions and liability under the fund indemnity given to board members.

Market Recognition

'**Hilton Mervis** heads the commercial disputes practice at Arnold & Porter. He is an experienced litigator and "a superb tactician" known for handling complex disputes arising out of shareholder, partnership and contractual arrangements. One client describes him as "very tenacious and very client focused", and also praises his creative approach, saying: "One of his greatest strengths is that he comes up with out of the box solutions to complex issues."

Ranked: Tier 1 Corporate and Commercial Litigation Chambers UK 2018-9, Litigation

'**Hilton Mervis** is the authority on all dispute matters connected with funds. When something has gone seriously wrong and we need and benefit the most from someone who can separate facts/law from fiction and get things sorted correctly for all parties we know where to turn. The book he has edited with PEI enables a wider group to share his and others' insights and experience of disputes and risk reduction in this sector.'

Peder Prah, Managing Partner of private equity fund Triton, commenting on the publication 'Managing Private Fund Disputes'

'A great addition to an area which has not received the attention it deserves. **Hilton** and PEI have assembled a masterful team who deal with a wide range of private equity dispute-related topics. A must have for anyone involved in such disputes.'

Roderick l'Anson Banks, Head of Chambers, Partnership Counsel, commenting on the publication 'Managing Private Fund Disputes'

Henry Clinton-Davis "maintains a broad employment practice in which he advises on domestic and cross-border matters, both non-contentious and contentious. Clients describe him as "very experienced and practical in his approach," and praise his ability to "tailor actions while taking business considerations into question."

Ranked: *Chambers UK 2020, Employment*

Kathleen Harris "is really calm, she always listens to the client's concerns and she understands the workings of the SFO."

Ranked: *Chambers UK 2020, Financial Crime (Corporates)*

Charlotte Mallorie "regularly advises on large-scale disputes that concern M&A transactions and shareholder agreements. She often works on complex, cross-border matters. A client says: "She has great attention to detail and is very good at looking at all the possibilities in litigation - she really is the maestro."

Ranked: *Chambers UK 2020, Commercial and Corporate Litigation*

Multi-Disciplinary Team

Our private equity disputes team is a highly integrated, cross-specialist group with lawyers collaborating across Arnold & Porter's practice areas to provide clients with seamless service, even on the most complex of disputes.



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