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# Dispute Resolution



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There are two sides to every dispute – have proven experience on yours. Whatever business you are in, resolving disputes is a fact of life. Knowing you have experienced and pragmatic advisers on your side in the face of serious allegations is the first step towards a successful resolution.

We know that every dispute is different and requires a bespoke approach. Where your dispute cannot be resolved in any other way, we understand the challenges of diverging legal systems and combine expertise in individual jurisdictions with our global resources. We ensure your dispute is pursued in the context of your market through litigation and arbitration, including, where necessary, appeals and challenges to the highest courts and tribunals.

Whatever your needs, we will bring our knowledge, expertise and experience to bear, analysing the issues quickly and effectively, drawing on our deep understanding of all types of litigation, arbitration and regulatory proceedings to find the optimal solution at the right cost. We always measure our success by how well we work with you, and the difference we make to you and your business.



## Proven high-stakes advisers.

Clients consistently instruct us in complex disputes of great strategic and financial importance. We handle disputes worth billions of euros daily. Building strong relationships and bonds of trust with the people we work for is an integral part of what we do.



## Quality and depth of resources.

With more than 900 dispute resolution specialists to choose from, we combine technical expertise with sector-specific understanding and appropriate scale to handle the most complex disputes.



## Global reach with local insight.

With lawyers in 41 countries and 72 offices around the world, CMS is truly global and bridges cultural differences. Our lawyers think and act internationally while delivering local results in the commercial context of your dispute.



Sources also highlight the consistent quality of the offices, with one reporting:  
“The cross-border case is excellently managed. The quality standard is on an international level.”

*Chambers Europe 2019*



# Awards and Rankings

Number of **partners** globally

**330**

Number of **lawyers** globally

**900**



One of **The Lawyer's Top 50 Global Litigation** firms.

CMS is **ranked as the number one advisor** to FTSE 100 companies by *The Lawyer* based on deal, litigation and panel win data from the last 18 months.

*Global Arbitration Review (GAR 30) 2019* – Listed in the **top 30** International Arbitration practices in the world. Our International Arbitration team is **one of the largest** of any law firm, representing clients in arbitrations under the rules of all the world's leading institutions.

Leading international investment disputes team with an **impressive portfolio of cases.**

UK **Firm of the Year** for Dispute Resolution in the Legal 500 Awards 2017.

24 **dispute resolution specialists** listed in *Who's Who Legal*

CMS Germany **#1** in Litigation & ADR for the third consecutive year **based on total number of recommendations** by General Counsels. (*Kanzleimonitor 2018/2019*)

## Global directory rankings

Consistently ranked in the **Global Arbitration Review 'GAR 30'** of the world's busiest international arbitration practices and as one of *The Lawyer's* Top 50 Global Litigation firms.

## Award wins





# Knowledge and know-how

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**CMS International Disputes Digest:** Bi-annual top trends publications focusing on current legal issues affecting the market, key learning points, and potential impact on future dispute resolution.

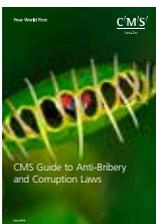


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**CMS Guide to Anti-Bribery and Corruption Laws:** The current edition of the Guide covers more countries than ever before, assessing the laws in 42 countries. We include full coverage of the BRIC nations, as well as increased coverage in Asia (China, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia), the Middle East (the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Oman) and South America (Brazil, Mexico, Chile and Colombia).



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**CMS LEGAL TECH:** Our UK and German offices have been researching, piloting and investing in a range of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. These have a huge spread of applications such as automated documents, technology assisted review (TAR), machine learning systems including contract data point extraction, forecasting litigation outcomes and strategies, data visualisation, expert systems to answer compliance and regulatory questions, branded chat bots using natural language, augmented reality simulated training and document review environments.

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# Highlights of our recent experience

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## International investment arbitration

Advising an investor group on a multi-billion dollar investment arbitration claim against the Government of Ukraine arising out of a gas production sharing agreement.

## International investment arbitration

Chairing an arbitral tribunal in an UNCITRAL investment dispute between Vivendi and Poland.

## France – English certification company

Advice on emergency procedures regarding implantable medical devices as well as managing reputational risk.

## Portugal – Goldman Sachs International

Representation in four high-stakes administrative proceedings and representing Goldman Sachs International in Banco Espírito Santo's liquidation proceedings, having filed proofs of debt regarding each of the credits held by Goldman Sachs International.

## UK – Accident Exchange

CMS represented Accident Exchange in a GBP 127m claim for unlawful means conspiracy, in what has been described as the largest ever fraud on the civil justice system. The claim involved thousands of expert reports and witness statements containing false information which were deployed in legal proceedings against Accident Exchange and other credit hire providers.

## Switzerland – AIG Europe Limited

Defence counsel for the international insurance company on coverage dispute concerning D&O policy relating to a large loss in the US caused by an investigation by the SEC Securities and Exchange Commission.

## Germany – European conglomerate

Court proceedings concerning an airplane crash at Berlin airport. Advising the client on a post M&A dispute.

## LATAM – Virbac-Centrovet

Advising this leading pharmaceutical company on a lawsuit alleging the illegal sale of a product that was supposedly fabricated using a patented product of the claimant.

## Asia Pacific – Global luxury retailer

Advising in an HKIAC arbitration concerning a joint venture dispute in the People's Republic of China.

## Central Eastern Europe – Siemens

Advising on a EUR 70m FIDIC-based international arbitration against a regional public transportation company related to the construction of Budapest's newly built M4 metro line, as well as separate arbitration proceedings related to the refurbishment of Budapest's metro line M2.

## Spain – IBERDROLA / ENDESA / KUTXABANK / CORPORACIÓN MONDRAGÓN

Advice to and representation of the four market-leaders involved in the earn-out claim against International Cable for the sale of shares in Euskaltel.

## Austria – STRABAG

Advising and representing STRABAG and its joint venture partner in arbitration proceedings following the termination of a construction contract in Bosnia as well as (parallel) state court interim relief proceedings against the drawing of bank guarantees.



## Get in touch

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