

Matthew Reach

Partner

I am a Partner in the dispute resolution and securities litigation teams at Fox Williams. I advise on complex commercial disputes, securities and financial services claims.



Matthew Reach's dispute resolution practice covers a broad range of commercial (business and finance related) litigation and high-value, complex securities group actions and financial services claims. Matthew is also well versed in the use of various alternative dispute resolution procedures, such as mediation.

He acts for international companies, pension and hedge funds, UK corporates, SMEs and high-net-worth individuals with claims in the High Court, Court of Appeal and various arbitral institutions. Matthew's work often includes a cross-border element.

He is regarded as an expert user of third-party litigation funding, legal costs insurance and no-win no-fee style engagements. Matthew is adept at helping his clients turn their litigation risks into contingent assets.

Matthew joined Fox Williams in 2022 after seven years at Keystone Law. Previously, Matthew worked in-house as Head of Legal for a third-party litigation funder where he was instrumental in placing funding and insurance for high-profile claims some of the UK's largest financial institutions.

Legal Expertise

- Group action claims under section 90/90A Financial Services and Markets Act 2000
- Director, shareholder and company disputes (including unfair prejudice petitions under section 994 Companies Act 2006)
- General commercial litigation: breach of contract, negligence, breach of trust/duty
- International Arbitration
- Third party litigation funding and legal costs insurance

Experience

- Advising a group of institutional investors in their claim against Petrofac Limited under section 90A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2022.
- Advised in relation to a substantial shareholders' action in the High Court against RBS under section 90 of the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000.
- Advised on a claim by a Cayman Islands-domiciled fund against a former cornerstone investor for damages for breach of contract (alleged repudiation). Also appeared as a key witness for the litigation funder in successful satellite litigation relating to the funding of the claim (see *Harcus Sinclair (a firm) v Alternative Real Estate Fund Limited & Others* [2013] EWHC 1193 (Ch)).
- Advised in connection with a multi-million pound claim for breach of contract against Vodafone (involving the complicated issues of conspiracy to injure and intimidation).
- Advised in a substantial negligence claim against one of the UK's largest IFA partnerships relating to a failed investment scheme.
- Advised in a multi-million pound breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty claim involving a large UK manufacturing and retail company.
- Advised on an LCIA arbitration, acting for an UAE investment fund, and the opponent is a Swiss fund manager. The claim is worth circa EUR 70 million.