

The Hedge Fund Litigation Group



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Simmons & Simmons Hedge Fund Litigation Group provides authoritative advice to hedge fund sponsors and managers. Our group, which is aligned with our market-leading hedge fund practice, has been advising funds clients since the development of this dynamic industry over 20 years ago.

We are trusted by the world's leading funds and fund managers in Europe and Asia and have advised them on the industry's largest, high profile claims involving a wide range of contentious and regulatory issues. Consequently, we appreciate the discreet nature of the funds business and provide advice on risk management and liability issues with a view to avoiding potential disputes.

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Our services

- litigation, arbitration and mediation for funds, fund managers, liquidators and other parties, including the co-ordination of off-shore litigation
- contentious regulatory advice
- white collar crime
- partnership disputes
- risk management advice
- commodity disputes
- defamation and reputation management

Recent highlights include:

- advising a hedge fund appointed as a representative respondent for its class of client money creditor in the first representative directions application issued in the Special Administration of MF Global UK Limited
- advising a hedge fund before the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom in its successful defence of a Court of Appeal judgment in relation to the status of client monies in the Lehman administration
- advising a fund on a successful High Court application issued by the Administrators of Lehman relating to the status of post-administration assets
- acting for a LLP on the successful defence of a High Court claim for damages alleging unfair prejudice
- advising a hedge fund in relation to a winding-up petition in Cayman
- advising a hedge fund in relation to the defence of a derivative action in Guernsey
- advising fund managers on Madoff-related liabilities and actions in the UK and offshore
- defending a petition for winding-up a fund in Grand Court of the Cayman Islands
- advising fund managers on market abuse/insider dealing allegations
- advising funds on liability issues arising from restructurings, including investor claims

We also offer our funds clients navigator – an online regulatory service which provides information for over 80 jurisdictions including:

- **navigator: funds** – provides financial institutions with information regarding the key regulatory issues affecting the marketing and sale of open-ended funds, such as UCITS and hedge funds, on a global basis.
- **navigator: closed-ended products** – provides banks, fund managers, institutional asset managers and private equity firms with information regarding the private placement of closed-ended products and notes on a global basis.
- **navigator: share disclosure** – provides investors seeking to invest in local companies with information on major shareholding disclosure requirements and short selling on a global basis.
- **navigator: derivatives** – provides information regarding the key regulatory information on the entering into of OTC and exchange-traded derivatives with counterparties on a global basis aimed at both the sell and buy side.

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