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As special counsel in the Litigation & Arbitration Group, Cormac specialises in complex commercial dispute resolution. He has significant expertise in high value litigation before the English Courts, together with extensive experience of arbitration, regulatory investigations and various forms of alternative dispute resolution. Cormac has acted in a broad range of domestic and international matters, including disputes relating to complex financial products, competition/antitrust, technology, outsourcing and communications, professional liability and civil fraud.

### Primary Focus & Experience

Key experience includes:

- Acting for Visa in multiple sets of proceedings in the High Court (and subsequent appeals up to the Supreme Court) in relation to alleged infringements of competition law relating to the setting and implementation of multilateral interchange fees associated with the use of debit and credit cards. The trial of these matters was listed by the *Lawyer* as one of the Top 20 Trials of 2016.
- Acting for a US based investment fund in obtaining summary judgment in the Commercial Court against a UAE state-owned entity, subsequently seeking enforcement in multiple jurisdictions and defending proceedings launched in the Dubai World Tribunal.
- Representing one of the world's leading IT and BPO providers in multi-million pound LCIA arbitration proceedings with the trustee of a national pension scheme, in relation to claims arising out of a scheme administration services agreement.
- Acting for the former Chairman of Capital Markets at JP Morgan, in connection with the FSA's enforcement proceedings concerning the disclosure of inside information.
- Representing various ex-members of the board of a major UK bank in respect of investigations commissioned by the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards.
- Acting for one of the world's leading technology companies, defending claims brought by a major pay TV company for breach of contract, negligence and deceit, amounting to over £700 million. The trial, which lasted for an entire court year, was one of the largest

trials to come before the UK courts, and was listed by the *Lawyer* as one of the Top 10 Trials of 2007 and 2008.

- Acting for a major UK local authority and Executive Mayor in successfully defending expedited judicial review proceedings in relation to the introduction of congestion charging in London.
- Acting in a large and complex arbitration for a UK government department in pursuing and defending claims for breach of contract against a leading technology company arising from a major IT implementation across the south of England.
- Acting for a major Indian media organisation and associated sporting venture in defending a multi-million pound breach of contract claim, including a complex jurisdiction challenge.
- Acting for a variety of clients in large and complex professional liability claims against accountants, actuaries, solicitors and surveyors.
- Acting against a global leader in wireless telecommunications in defending injunctive proceedings based on a claim for breach of confidentiality.
- Acting for a leading UK insurer in a dispute with the trustees of a pension scheme arising from the valuation of that scheme on wind-up.
- Acting for Visa Inc. in its agreement to acquire Visa Europe for up to €21.2 billion.

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#### ADDITIONAL DETAILS

##### EDUCATION

Oxford University, B.A.

The University of Law, L.P.C.

##### ADMISSIONS

England and Wales

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#### EXPERIENCE



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