



## ROBERT PAYDON

### PARTNER

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Robert Paydon is an experienced commercial litigation/dispute resolution lawyer with more than 25 years of experience. He leads the firm's U.K. commercial litigation practice area. Robert advises on a wide range of contentious matters, including in the pharmaceutical/life sciences, manufacturing, natural resources and property sectors.

He deals with contractual, company and shareholder disputes, as well as regulatory issues (for example, matters concerning the U.K.'s Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Schemes and advertising). Robert acts for clients from the U.K. and overseas, and much of his work has a multijurisdictional aspect.

Robert has advised on a range of insolvency issues and acts for creditors, debtors and office holders, and he is also concerned with the protection and management of corporate and individual reputations, particularly through the law of defamation, privacy and data protection.

Robert's experience covers the full extent of the litigation process, from risk management and pre-action advice through to obtaining and resisting interim orders, trial, proceedings in the appellate courts and enforcement, as well as significant involvement in international arbitration and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes, including mediation and expert determination both as party adviser and as counsel to the expert.

Robert is a recognised lawyer in the field of Commercial Litigation, most recently in the 2021 edition of the Legal 500 UK.

### BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Robert served as head of commercial litigation at Kerman & Co. He joined Armstrong Teasdale in early 2021 when the firm combined with Kerman & Co. Before that, he worked in private practice for a number of other London law firms, including as the head of litigation for the U.K. office of a leading Canadian law firm.

### EDUCATION

- BPP University Law School (1996)
  - Law
- Nottingham Law School (GDL, 1995)

### SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy  
Litigation  
Complex Commercial Litigation  
Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Litigation  
Consumer Products and Services  
Energy and Utilities  
Health Care and Life Sciences  
Manufacturing and Innovation

### ADMISSIONS

England and Wales

- Law
- University of Leicester (B.A., *Hons*, 1993)
  - Politics

#### **CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

- High-profile U.K. charity (Volunteer)
- Primary School (Former Parent Governor)

#### **ACCOLADES**

- The Legal 500 U.K., Recommended Lawyer, Commercial Litigation: Mid-Market (2021-present); Oil & Gas (2022); Dispute Resolution (Previous ranking)
- Chambers & Partners U.K., Dispute Resolution (Previous ranking)

#### **LANGUAGES**

- French

## **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Secured Dismissal for Pharmaceutical Client in High Court Case**

Secured dismissal of a case before the High Court in which the claimant alleged that it had reached a legally binding agreement with our client, a Mumbai-headquartered pharmaceutical company, for the supply of drug for the Canadian market.

#### **\$200 Million Arbitration Proceedings for Breach of Contract**

Acted for an African natural resources company in \$200 million LCIA arbitration proceedings concerning a breach of contract.

#### **Acted for Client in Connection with Preference, Undervalue Transaction Claims**

Acted for a U.K. company in connection with preference and undervalue transaction claims threatened against it by an administrator.

#### **Advised Leading International Business in Issues Related to a U.K. Social Media Campaign**

Advised a leading international business concerning issues arising out of its proposed U.K. social media campaign.

#### **Advised on Division of Multinational Business Including Parallel Proceedings in the U.K. and U.S.**

Advised on a high-value dispute concerning the division of a multinational business (with parallel proceedings in the High Court in London and across the U.S.).

#### **Advised Overseas Pharma Company in Defense of High Court Proceedings**

Advised a leading overseas pharma company in its defense of significant High Court proceedings.

#### **Advised Pharma Companies on U.K.'s Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Schemes**

Advised several pharmaceutical companies about matters concerning the U.K.'s Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Schemes.

### **Advised U.K. Pharma Company in Defamatory Reporting Case**

Advised a U.K. pharmaceutical company concerning defamatory reporting in the media about one of its key products.

### **Defense in \$100 Million Proceedings in English Commercial Court**

Acted for a defendant in \$100 million proceedings in the English Commercial Court.

### **Shareholders Dispute for Ultra High-Net-Worth Individual**

Advised an ultra high-net-worth individual in a significant multi-jurisdictional shareholders dispute.

## **THOUGHT LEADERSHIP**

September 21, 2021

### **Company Directors Beware! Parliament Debates Extending Current Directors' Disqualification Regime to Directors of Dissolved Companies**

September 28, 2020

### **Innovation and modernization in the court system and in arbitration as a result of COVID-19**

Kerman & Co. website

June 12, 2020

### **Insolvency proceedings and the Coronavirus**

Kerman & Co. website

March 30, 2020

### **A lifeline to businesses: changes promised to the 'wrongful trading' provisions of current UK Insolvency legislation**

Kerman & Co. website

March 5, 2020

### **Cryptocurrency fraud: The High Court strikes back**

Kerman & Co. website

February 6, 2020

### **The choice of English law as the governing law of your international contract following Brexit**

Kerman & Co. website