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Overview

Mark Buckley is a partner in the Dispute Resolution department at Fladgate.

He specialises in international commercial litigation and arbitration and in intellectual property and sports disputes. Mark has been involved in many leading cases in these areas in recent years.

Mark is often referred work by leading overseas law firms, in particular from India, Ireland and Italy. Clients include manufacturing companies, e-commerce businesses, private equity investors and motor sports participants.

Mark is ranked as a leading expert by the independent guides to the legal profession including Chambers UK and Legal 500 who describe him as “*a great tactician*” in sports law and in contentious bond disputes. He has been interviewed several times on the BBC and ITV.

He qualified in 1985 and joined Fladgate in 1988, becoming a partner in 1991.

Experience

- Acting for Eddie Irvine in his ground-breaking image rights case against Talksport.
- Acting for Crystal Palace Football Club in its successful claim for fraudulent misrepresentation against former manager Iain Dowie.
- Acting for a major Indian company in an arbitration claim by an Argentine company relating to the sale of river barges.
- Acting for Force India F1 team on various litigation, arbitration and sporting matters including acting on an appeal to the FIA International Court in Paris and several large litigation matters.

Expertise

Dispute Resolution

- [Commercial Litigation](#)
- [Intellectual Property](#)
- [International Arbitration](#)

Industry

[International](#)
[Sports](#)

International

[India](#)

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- Advising on an arbitration between a UK company and a consortium of Spanish and German contractors over the delivery of trains.
- Acting for a Norwegian company in its arbitration claim for misuse of confidential information.
- Securing a major victory in the Court of Appeal on behalf of US video and computer games retailer The Electronics Boutique Inc. and EB Services Company against the Game Group plc.
- Advising on an arbitration under the London Bar Association Scheme in relation to a claim for fiduciary duty.
- Successfully defending a claim in the Commercial Court on behalf of the issuer of foreign currency convertible bonds.
- Acting for an airline bringing a claim against an aircraft manufacturer for breach of contract and misrepresentation relating to a sale and purchase agreement for the supply of freight aircraft.

Testimonials

“Fladgate LLP acted for a group of retail and institutional investors in litigation against RBS arising from its rights issue. Simon Ekins and Simon Brew are recommended alongside Mark Buckley, who is ‘a great tactician’, Bree Taylor, who is ‘a tough, smart litigator’, and the ‘exceptional’ Steven Mash.”

Legal 500 2016

“Fladgate LLP is praised for ‘delivering real results’ and is best known in the sporting context for football and motorsport. Litigator Mark Buckley and commercial partner Alan Wetterhahn are the key names. Clients include Gareth Bale and Sahara Force India F1 team.”

Legal 500 2016

“Commercial litigator Mark Buckley leads the team at Fladgate LLP, which acted for Media and Sport Management on a range of commercial and contentious matters. The practice also has notable experience in F1 work for clients such as Sahara Force India F1 team, and Russian Time, the GP2 Motor Sports team, which is a new client.”

Legal 500 2015

“Headed by Mark Buckley, Fladgate LLP is best known for its Formula 1 work, and has recently been handling a number of disputes for Force India F1. Other high-profile work included advising Gareth Bale on his transfer to Real Madrid.”

Legal 500 2014

“Fladgate maintains a broad-ranging involvement in the sports sector and continues to advise a wide array of sport clients on all their legal needs. The group is perhaps best known for its advice on sponsorship, image rights, IP issues and commercial transactions, especially in the motor racing industry. It has a long-standing

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relationship with the Force India Formula One Team, acting for it in High Court proceedings against Team Lotus F1 regarding an alleged case of copyright infringement. Mark Buckley is the head of Fladgate's sports practice group."

Chambers UK 2013

"Fladgate LLP's motor sports team is pursuing copyright infringement and design-related claims for Sahara Force One India. Mark Buckley heads the team."

Legal 500 2013

"Fladgate LLP bolstered its sports offering by hiring football finance and commercial expert James Earl and senior associate David Quinlan from Pinsent Masons LLP in September 2016. Litigator and arbitrator Mark Buckley and commercial expert Alan Wetterhahn are also recommended."

Legal 500 2017

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