

Jody leads Burness Paull's English Law Dispute Resolution team. Having spent many years as a lawyer with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in London, he has considerable experience of advising in respect of complex disputes for global and multinational companies across a range of industries.

Representative experience includes:

Energy / Oil & Gas

- Advising a Norwegian company in a circa USD150million dispute relating to the charter of a Russian ship drilling near the Angolan coast (with interrelated court proceedings in Russia and international arbitration in Oslo);
- Defending a leading Oil & Gas company in English High Court proceedings from a claim for USD65 million relating to a contract for exploration in Ghana;
- Acting for Savannah Petroleum PLC in relation to its reduction of share capital application in the English High Court;
- Defending a listed company in the English High Court against claims by a subcontractor arising from a large project to restore a geothermal plant in the Philippines;
- Advising a potential hostile bidder in respect of contractual issues and potential claims concerning its attempt to take control of a listed international oil and gas company.

International Arbitration

- Advising a European company in respect of ICC arbitration proceedings (English law, London seat) and related claims against an African state for sums in the hundreds of millions (USD);
- Advising in respect of an LCIA arbitration (English law, London seat) concerning an Oil & Gas Sea Port (worth approximately USD \$200million) in Russia, involving related applications in the Netherlands and Cyprus;
- Advising a major oil and gas company in relation to numerous potential international arbitration claims connected with its operations in Kazakhstan.

Civil Fraud and Asset Tracing/ Corporate Internal Investigations

- Successfully acting for the 2nd and 3rd defendants, the former majority shareholders in Hermes i-Tickets Private Ltd (India's No. 1 Retail Assisted E-Commerce network), in a High Court jurisdiction challenge in a EUR 33million claim related to the sale of their shares (click [here](#) for judgment);
- Advising court appointed receivers of assets in multi-billion dollar fraud proceedings against Mr Mukhtar Ablyazov, in one of the largest fraud cases ever before the English Commercial Court. The work involved advising in respect of issues connected to the receivership in England and other jurisdictions including Russia, Ukraine, Cyprus, Switzerland, Latvia, the Netherlands, Belize, the British Virgin Islands and Seychelles;
- Working with a leading international telecoms company in respect of a corporate internal investigation and underlying issues in the company – which involved conducting interviews in the Middle East and advising in respect of potential claims in England and various other jurisdictions;
- Advising a multinational pharmaceutical company in relation to product recall issues, a corporate internal investigation and English law liability risks/ claims.

Financial Services

- Advising a firm of corporate finance advisers in connection with a warranty claim in the English High Court for circa £200 million;
- Defending a client against a multimillion pound claim raised by a major UK bank regarding the terms of a personal guarantee.

Professional Services

- Advising a leading accountancy firm in respect of potential claims against it in connection with the billion dollar insolvency of one of its clients.

Construction

- Acting for a global structural engineering company in High Court proceedings connected to a subcontractor dispute following a major infrastructure project in England (click [here](#) for judgment).

Jody has particular experience around recognition and enforcement of court and arbitral awards in the UK and abroad, as well as applications abroad for provisional and protective measure to support primary proceedings, and has coordinated applications in multiple jurisdictions across Europe, Asia, the Middle East and North, Central and South America.

Jody is qualified as a solicitor in England & Wales and works between Amsterdam (where he lives), London and Scotland.