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### Practices

- International Dispute Resolution
- Litigation & Trial
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Team
- Infrastructure

**Laurence Winston** is a partner and co-head of Crowell & Moring's International Dispute Resolution Group in the firm's London office. His practice focuses on acting for blue chip clients, banks, asset-based lenders and other financial institutions in a broad range of cross border and domestic commercial litigation and arbitration matters with a particular focus on world-wide and U.K. fraud investigations, and asset recovery actions. He has in-depth experience of obtaining freezing injunctions, search and seizure orders, and additional forms of relief on behalf of his clients.

In addition, Laurence focuses on complex banking and investment disputes and claims on guarantees and indemnities and breach of warranty claims. He also focuses on data/cyber security and acted in one of the highest profile cases in the world to date.

He lectures and presents for Finance U.K., credit conferences, and other business conferences on fraud and asset recovery. He also appeared on CNBC Europe as an authority on fraud.

Prior to joining the firm, Laurence was a partner and head of U.K. litigation in the London office of an international firm.

### Representative Matters

- Acted for a major UK broadcaster in a high profile £10m dispute with its main contractor in relation to the construction and subsequent demolition and rebuild of film studios for its flagship soap opera.
- Acted for an Italian conglomerate in a US\$50m ICC arbitration dispute over the construction of LNG tank farms in Qatar involving other parties in Korea and Qatar.
- Acted in a multi-billion dollar arbitration dispute involving the construction of an airport in the Middle East.

- Advised on a U.S. \$1 billion breach of warranty claim in the LCIA arising out of a corporate acquisition in the Ukraine.
- Acted in one of the highest profile data breach cases in the world to date involving an investigation by the ICO into alleged serious data breaches and the opposition of a search warrant.
- Advised on a U.S. \$850 million breach of contract and fraud claim.
- Acted for global financier in a landmark invoice discounting civil fraud case that resulted in a £16 million judgment following a 10 week trial.
- Acted as the independent solicitor in a search and seizure injunction in the Ferrari/McLaren “Spygate” case.
- Acted in a U.S. \$50 million derivatives scheme dispute involving a leading investment bank.
- Acted for Premiership footballer in a breach of privacy claim in relation to a telephone hacking matter.
- Acted for a global energy supplier in an anti-trespass injunction and possession order to evict protesters from a power station.

### Admissions/Affiliations

Admitted to practice: England and Wales

### Education

- The University of Manchester, LL.B. (1990)
- The College of Law, Chester (1991)

### Recent Highlights, News & Knowledge

<p><a href="#">"Global Cross-Border Data Transfers (Part 1)," Crowell &amp; Moring Webinar</a> (September 16, 2020). Moderator: Kristin J. Madigan; Presenters: Ambassador Robert Holleyman, Maarten Stassen, Jarno Vanto, and Laurence Winston.</p>	<p><i>Speech/Presentation</i></p>
<p><a href="#">Squire's Doha Departure Benefits Crowell &amp; Moring — Commercial Dispute Resolution</a> (September 9, 2020)</p>	<p><i>Media Mentions</i></p>
<p><a href="#">Crowell Hires In DC and Doha — Global Arbitration Review</a> (September 3, 2020)</p>	<p><i>Media Mentions</i></p>
<p><a href="#">"Global COVID-19 and Sports; Threats and Responses Exposure Claims and Liability Mitigation Considerations," Crowell &amp; Moring</a> (August 15, 2020). Authors: Thomas P. Gies, Kristof Roox, Laurence Winston, and Chalana N. Damron.</p>	<p><i>Publication</i></p>
<p><a href="#">"Privacy Shield Invalidated: EU Data Transfers to the U.S. under Siege (again...)"</a> (July</p>	<p><i>Client Alert/Newsletter</i></p>

<p>16, 2020). Contacts: Jeffrey L. Poston, Maarten Stassen, Jeane A. Thomas, CIPP/E, Frederik Van Remoortel, Jarno Vanto, Laurence Winston, Lee Matheson, CIPP/US/E/A, CIPM, PCIP, Robert Holleyman</p>	
<p><u>"UK Government Guidance Calls for Responsible Contractual Behaviour in Contracts Materially Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic,"</u> <i>International Dispute Resolution Alert</i> (June 15, 2020). Contacts: Laurence Winston, Gordon McAllister, Catherine Hammerson-Jones</p>	<p><i>Client Alert/Newsletter</i></p>
<p><u>"Contractual Disruption Update - English Court Finds That a Warehouse Fire Following a Riot Is Not a Force Majeure Event,"</u> <i>International Dispute Resolution Alert</i> (June 2, 2020). Contacts: Laurence Winston, Edward Norman, John Laird</p>	<p><i>Client Alert/Newsletter</i></p>
<p><u>"International Chamber of Commerce Updates its Model Force Majeure and Hardship Clauses Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic,"</u> <i>International Dispute Resolution Alert</i> (May 6, 2020). Contacts: Ian A. Laird, John L. Murino, Laurence Winston, Emily Alban</p>	<p><i>Client Alert/Newsletter</i></p>
<p><u>"Global Aerospace and Defence Compliance Leadership during and after COVID-19,"</u> <i>Crowell &amp; Moring Webinar</i> (May 6, 2020). Presenters: Peter J. Eyre, Trina Fairley Barlow, Ambassador Robert Holleyman, Natalie O. Ludaway, and Laurence Winston</p>	<p><i>Speech/Presentation</i></p>
<p><u>"Virtual Arbitral Hearings, COVID-19, and Award Enforcement,"</u> <i>International Dispute Resolution Alert</i> (April 29, 2020). Contacts: Ian A. Laird, Laurence Winston, Randa Adra, John Laird</p>	<p><i>Client Alert/Newsletter</i></p>