

Sidley Austin Launches its London Dispute Resolution Practice

London (November 19, 2009) - Sidley Austin* is pleased to announce the formal launch of its London Dispute Resolution practice, headed by partner Dorothy Cory-Wright. The practice will focus on complex, high value commercial disputes, international arbitration and internal investigations. Members of the Dispute Resolution team have participated in recent high profile financial services sector cases, such as Perpetual and Orion and advised the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile in the Formula One Race-Fixing investigation.

Approximately half of Sidley's 1700 lawyers, worldwide, are involved in dispute resolution practices — trial and appellate litigation; regulatory matters; commercial and trade arbitration; and internal investigations. The London Dispute Resolution practice will collaborate closely with the firm's global Complex Commercial Litigation and Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes practices. The team will continue to partner with colleagues in London in the International Finance, the Corporate Reorganisation & Bankruptcy and the Financial Institutions Regulatory practices, and colleagues in Brussels in the Antitrust/Competition and International Trade/Arbitration practices.

"With the expansion of cross-border disputes and the increasing requests from our clients to serve the entire range of their legal needs, the firm has long planned to establish a Dispute Resolution practice in London," said Charles W. Douglas, chair of the firm's Management Committee. "Dorothy and her distinguished colleagues will serve our clients well in resolving those types of disputes."

Dorothy Cory-Wright, who joined the firm in 2007, is a Barrister and Solicitor-Advocate, who has practised commercial litigation, international arbitration and dispute resolution for 25 years, in the UK and overseas. Other members of the team include Steven Pitt, Brett Rowland, Simon Fawell and Abby Stern.

Sidley's London office has approximately 120 lawyers, both English and U.S.-qualified, who advise on domestic and cross-border matters and have been involved in many highly complex and pioneering transactions. The principal areas of practice are international finance, including securitisation, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, corporate reorganisation and insolvency, investment funds, insurance and insurance/reinsurance litigation, arbitration and litigation, and are supported by the tax, regulatory, real estate finance and real estate, competition, employment and intellectual property practices.

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