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EDUCATION

LL.B. (Hons.), Anglia Ruskin University.

University of Cape Town.

Post Grad Diploma, Intellectual Property, Bristol University.

PROFILE

Graham J. Howard's practice has been varied over the years covering matters of commercial and intellectual/technology work which includes both advisory and litigation. He completed his pupillage at Queen Elizabeth Building, Temple. Graham regularly appears in the County and High Courts and Court of Appeal in a wide range of commercial matters. Graham is Of Counsel at Norton Rose Fulbright.

MEMBERSHIP

Call to the Bar, Lincoln's Inn, 1987.

Solicitor & Barrister at New Zealand and Australia, 2002.

Attorney at Botswana, 2012.

Member of London Court of International Arbitration and AIPN.

Accredited mediator, 2002.

PRACTICE

Graham's practice includes advisory, transactional and litigation services in the following areas:

- Commercial.
- Mediation.
- Intellectual Property.

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COMMERCIAL

Graham has a wide range of expertise in advising and assisting clients at all stages of litigation from pre-action through to costs and enforcement. He has experience in the following:

- Joint Ventures/ collaborations in energy, oil, gas, mining, exploration and development.
- Full range of Whitebook interlocutory and trial work.
- Mergers, acquisitions, business sales esp. cross border, related project finance via asset sale, debt and equity.
- Governance including director and boards, shareholders agreements and disputes, company constitutions.

Graham has acted for high value commercial projects related to contract disputes, infrastructure/ procurement, including:

- Various projects for Vulcan Inc (Paul Allen) including legalization of drones for elephant monitoring.
- Acted for Botswana Rail regarding purchase of locomotives.
- Acted for Wilderness Safaris regarding Safari block sale and purchases plus assets.
- Acted as project leader on asset and share sale acquisition by Signet Jewellers USA of a Botswana diamond processing facility.
- Acted as team leader on probity inquiry into major investment into Fengui national glass works in Botswana.

MEDIATION

Graham has experience in domestic and International ADR. He has taken high-profile mediation cases, such as:

- High value (50 million US plus) arbitration work on several oil and gas international disputes out of Kuwait, Swiss Rules.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Graham has many years' experience advising and assisting clients in Intellectual property management, commercialisation, technology licensing, and data protection. He assisted with the location of Microsoft in Botswana and licensing and IP work for Okavango Diamonds. He has experience in the following:

- Intellectual property and tech/brand licensing disputes.
- Hard and soft IPR's inc. patents, copyright, distribution, franchising, indigenous rights, digital rights issues and online/ cloud scenarios i.e. SAP/ ORACLE contract disputes.

He has represented several West Midlands businesses in high value IPR disputes. Graham has acted for a Chinese automotive entrepreneur in dispute with a major Chinese car manufacturer over terms of licence.