

THE DRS LITIGATION FUNDING TEAM

The DRS litigation funding team has more than 60 years of combined experience in successfully sourcing, assessing and funding complex law suits. The senior management team has extensive litigation experience acquired at leading international law firms and litigation funders.



Christian Luyten

HEAD OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Region: All regions

Focus: Business development

Expertise: Sales, marketing, communication

Christian Luyten has a master's degree in Industrial Sciences - Electronics, and a further postgraduate degree in Business Management. He joined Deminor in January 2019. Prior to joining Deminor, Christian held various functions in sales, marketing and communication in the ICT, banking and legal sectors.



Elliot Joseph

MARKETING ANALYST

Region: United Kingdom

Focus: Origination of general commercial litigation and arbitration funding opportunities

Expertise: Marketing

Elliot Joseph graduated from the University of Nottingham in 2018 with a bachelors of arts in Geography, he joined Deminor in 2019 taking on the role of marketing analyst in the newly opened London office. His main roles involve originating funding opportunities and developing Deminor's marketing infrastructure through data analytics and market research.



Emily O'Neill

GENERAL COUNSEL UK

Region: UK

Focus: Origination and management of complex commercial litigation projects

Expertise: Intellectual property, commercial litigation

Emily O'Neill is an experienced and strategic litigator having held positions managing global disputes both leading an in-house team at Spectris plc and in private practise at Bird & Bird, London. Emily is a qualified solicitor in England & Wales and has broad intellectual property experience, both managing IP portfolios and risk as well as enforcement. She has been named as a Corporate IP Star and sits on the In-House Advisory Committee of AIPPI as well as the In-House Division Committee of The Law Society of England and Wales.



Erik Bomans

MANAGING PARTNER

Region: All regions

Focus: Origination, management and funding of complex litigation projects.

Expertise: Corporate and post M&A, investor protection, general commercial law

Erik Bomans joined Deminor in 1995 and became a partner in 2000. He founded DRS in 2008, which now has pending assignments on cases in 15 different jurisdictions and has a presence in different cities in Europe, London, New York and Hong Kong. Prior to joining Deminor, Erik practiced as a corporate lawyer at Linklaters in Brussels. Erik oversees DRS' commercial litigation Funding practice.



Jens Benoot

SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL

Region: Europe, UK, US

Focus: Analysis and management of complex litigation projects

Expertise: Corporate, banking and commercial litigation

After having practiced as an attorney in a leading litigation law firm in Brussels for 8 years, Jens joined Deminor in 2019. He has vast experience in the field of corporate and banking litigation. His main focus within the Litigation Funding team is on corporate and commercial disputes.



Luis Olmos

GROUP LEGAL AND TAX MANAGER

Region: Latin America

Focus: Origination of general litigation funding opportunities, specialised in the funding of tax claims

Expertise: International tax, corporate and financial law specialism

Luis Olmos is a former international tax advisor for Law Firm Creel García-Cuellar Aiza y Enriquez in Mexico City. He has broad experience in investment structuring, financing transactions and M&A, having worked with clients across a wide range of sectors, specializing in the financial services sector. Luis is co-responsible for developing litigation funding opportunities in Mexico and Latin America.



Mehdi Mellah

SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL

Region: All regions

Focus: Complex commercial and arbitration claims

Expertise: International dispute resolution

Mehdi Mellah is a Belgian qualified lawyer and has worked as a dispute resolution lawyer for boutique and full-service law firms active in international arbitration and complex litigation since 2001. He has also assisted in-house legal teams of multinational companies with various global projects and took management and digital transformation courses at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management. Mehdi focuses on international arbitration, commercial disputes, and legal technology.



Olivia de Patoul

SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL

Region: Asia

Focus: Development of litigation funding opportunities in Asia

Expertise: Broad corporate and M&A specialism

Having previously worked as a corporate lawyer in Belgium for eight years, Olivia de Patoul understands the needs, challenges and opportunities that businesses face. In January 2018, Olivia moved to Hong Kong and opened Deminor's Asia office in the same year. Deminor's objectives in Hong Kong are to operate in close proximity to clients and to originate and manage litigation funding claims and investment recovery cases in Asia.



Reda El Aouadi

CLAIMS MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

Region: All Regions

Focus: Origination of general commercial litigation and arbitration funding opportunities

Expertise: Marketing

Reda joined the Deminor Brussels office in 2019 and has been actively involved in claims management on the Truck Cartel case. In January 2020 he joined the litigation funding and arbitration origination team. Reda previously worked as a customer service representative and further specialised in handling major accounts in sales, logistics and marketing for various international companies in the Netherlands and Belgium.



Rosario Marcone

HEAD OF ITALIAN OFFICE

Region: Italy

Focus: Origination of funding opportunities

Expertise: Business development

Rosario Marcone holds a degree in economics from the Richard M. Goodwin University of Siena (Italy). He joined Deminor in 2006. Since then he has gained increasing responsibilities and has become the Head of the Italian office. He has been actively involved in the settlements of high-profile Italian damage recovery cases. From 2018 onwards, he has been responsible for the origination of funding opportunities in the Italian market.



Tiny Ergo

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Region: All regions

Focus: Finance, risk management & funding of complex litigation projects, team-coach

Expertise: Finance & risk management, asset-management, people mgnt

Tiny Ergo joined Deminor in 2019, where she took on the role of CFO. Before joining Deminor, Tiny worked at KBC Group for more than 20 years. There she gained vast experience in banking, insurance & asset-management. In addition to asset management, she has been responsible for risk management, funding and liquidity management throughout her career. Before joining Deminor she was a member of the executive committee of KBC Asset Management as its Chief Risk Officer. She puts her background in the financial sector to use as CFO of Deminor, as well as in the claims underwriting process.



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