

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.



Erik Bomans
MANAGING PARTNER

Region: All regions

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

Expertise: Corporate and commercial law specialism, advising investors on numerous high-profile corporate finance transactions and matters of investor protection

Erik Bomans joined Deminor in 1995 and became a partner in 2000. In 2008, Erik Bomans set up a new business unit, Deminor Recovery Services, which now has pending assignments on cases in 12 continental European countries and Japan and has a presence in different cities including Brussels, London, New York and Hong Kong. Prior to joining Deminor, Erik practiced as a corporate lawyer at De Bandt, Van Hecke & Lagae (subsequently merged with Linklaters) in Brussels. Erik oversees the DRS litigation funding business dedicated to funding and supporting one-to-one commercial claims, which was set up in 2018.



Matthew Cohen
HEAD OF LONDON OFFICE

Region: UK, U.S. and Scandinavia

Focus: Origination of general commercial litigation and arbitration funding opportunities.

Expertise: Financial law (debt capital markets and structured equity)

Matt Cohen is a former UK qualified capital markets lawyer with experience in both the debt and equity structured securities spaces. He has had historic exposure to emerging markets in the CIS and MENA regions for English law deals. He worked for Latham & Watkins in London and Moscow and Bank of America. Transitioning into litigation funding in 2016, he operated as an investment manager in the class actions and arbitration spheres with a hedge fund subsidiary. Matt joined Deminor in London in 2019 as head of the London office and is co-responsible for origination of funding opportunities.



Mehdi Mellah
SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL

Region: Europe, MENA, Africa

Focus: Complex commercial and arbitration claims, legal technology

Expertise: International dispute resolution, private international law specialism

Mehdi Mellah is a Belgian qualified lawyer and has worked as a dispute resolution lawyer for boutique law firms specializing in international arbitration and complex litigation since 2001. He has also worked for the litigation practices of international and domestic full service firms. In the past five years, he has assisted the in-house legal teams of multinational companies with various global projects. He has completed management and digital transformation courses at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management. Within the Litigation Funding team, Mehdi focuses on international arbitration and works on the implementation of 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.



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.



Julie Bredée
LEGAL ADVISOR

Region: UK, Europe, U.S.

Focus: Origination, first stage due diligence and legal technology

Expertise: Corporate and financial law specialism

Julie Bredée holds a first class law degree and an LLM from King's College London. She joined Deminor's investment recovery team in Brussels in 2017. Working from Deminor's Brussels and London offices, she has supported the litigation funding team since 2019. Julie assists in the origination of funding opportunities. She is responsible for first stage due diligence and is involved in the implementation of legal technology.



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.

