



# Dispute Advisory Services

Organisations face numerous business challenges. Increasingly, those challenges include legal disputes which threaten the financial performance of the organisation, or at worst, put the viability of the business at risk.

As disputes arise, it is important to gather the critical facts, assess the parties' positions, and develop an appropriate strategy. More than ever, success in a dispute requires detailed subject matter expertise. And that is where KPMG's Dispute Advisory Services can help.

#### Our services

KPMG Forensic provides professional, objective, and independent assistance in preventing and resolving ongoing commercial and investment disputes. We provide services to clients and their legal advisors in all phases of legal disputes, for example, by reviewing commercial contracts, calculating damages, advising parties on specialised issues, or helping them reach out-of-court settlement.

#### **Expert Witness**

As an expert witness in a dispute, we can assist the client by preparing **expert witness reports** and giving **oral testimony**, **on a wide range of topics**.

#### **Dispute Consulting**

We can provide **privileged, specialist advice** on a range of topics including accounting, valuation, economic, financial and tax issues emerging in the dispute.

#### **Dispute Resolution**

Acting as an expert determinant, arbitrator or mediator **facilitating dispute resolution**, we can save the parties from having to resort to long and costly litigations.

#### **Transactions**

**Thorough review of commercial agreements** and assistance in preparation of completion accounts can significantly reduce **the risk of disputes**.

#### Our team

Members of our dispute advisory team are specialists with both industry-specific experience and the technical knowledge to deal with every aspect of your case. To ensure high quality of our work, the team is led by recognised dispute advisory experts and follows KPMG's global methodologies.

### **Dispute Lifecycle**

## Pre-dispute Parties conduct their



**Breaching event**Party becomes aware of a breach

ordinary business



Written submissions
Parties submit and
review each other's
claims



Resolution procedure

Hearing
The case is heard by
the relevant authority



Post-decision
The dispute is resolved and the decision is enforced

### **KPMG's Dispute Advisory Services**

KPMG can assist you in all stages of the dispute lifecycle: from helping to prevent dispute escalation to providing expert witness services in courts.

- Grounds for disputes may arise in the course of ordinary business or may be
  revealed through other forensic services we provide. We can assist with issues
  that surfaced in investigations or agreement vetting, including purchase and sale
  agreements or joint venture agreements. We can estimate elements of future
  compensation resulting from a potential dispute.
- Once a breach occurs, we can prepare an early assessment of the parties' respective positions including the economic and financial aspects of the case and/or provide assistance in settling the case out-of-court (e.g. through mediation or supporting settlement negotiations).
- We provide credible and objective opinions on quantum in our expert witness reports and critically review the reports submitted by the counterparty in both local and cross-border disputes. KPMG Forensic can also support you or your legal advisors by providing forensic technology and corporate intelligence services.
- When needed, our highly qualified expert witnesses can testify in court or before
  a tribunal and cooperate with lawyers to ensure their sound preparation for
  counterparty witness examination. Where appropriate, we can act as arbitrators
  or independent experts.
- Our help in the post-decision stage may include calculation of damages or interest awarded to make sure it is fair and accurate. In addition, we can provide asset tracing services across a number of jurisdictions to enable decision enforcement.

Our specialists are always prepared to address any of your inquiries. For more information about the services offered by KPMG Forensic, please contact us.

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