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- Industry-wide dispute regarding loss of EU subsidies and complex legal, causation and quantum arguments
- Major construction project involving private and public sector interests and affecting thousands of users of a key facility
- Multiple disputes arising in higher education body regarding funding, services, staffing, locations and management
- Highly sensitive national dispute over pay and terms and conditions involving trades unions, employers and government
- Dispute over future of critical service provision to the oil and gas industry involving highly professional providers and multi-national strategy
- Complex whistle blowing case involving large plc with serious ramifications for the industry
- Issue regarding operation of pension fund for a professional sector involving insurers, professional body, pension funders and claimants
- Shareholder and management dispute in start-up industry with breakthrough technology
- Dispute over warranties and shareholder pay-out in business with managed service provision
- End of project contractual dispute between main contractor and sub-contractor in major infrastructure project
- Breakdown in relationships between Olympic sport athletes, management and high performance coaching team
- Significant development of housing, hotel and golf complex in rural area leading to dispute between landowner and developer
- Iconic and internationally significant construction project, with multi-million pound value. Several days of facilitation and mediation involving employer and main contractor, with complex personal, institutional and contractual issues.
- Unique personal injury and employment claim in oil and gas sector with complex and sensitive legal and factual issues and knock-on consequences for other matters

- Investor/start-up conflict involving public and private sector funders of potentially high value project, with complete breakdown in business and personal relationships and potential loss of all value
- Large higher education institution with special geographic, economic and academic issues, internal conflict and government involvement, requiring a series of mediated interventions
- Public sector body with national reach, in dispute with trade union, national consequences, protracted requiring several days of intensive mediation and negotiation
- A construction dispute involving a major contractor and an overseas-based large design consultancy firm. Value of £32million, with complicated contractual and factual issues in dispute
- Retail stores in contractual dispute over purchase contract and pre-emption rights. Complicated contractual, financial and factual matrix with polarisation of parties and issues. Court actions pending
- Long-running (13 years) dispute about employment and health insurance rights under a policy of insurance between employer and insurer, employee rendered long term unfit to work, costly court cases pending
- Major IT infrastructure project in a Middle Eastern country. Global players (including US and Scandinavia also) involved. Dispute about effectiveness of the service and claims made by both parties. Sensitive and commercially important for all
- Family run nationwide business, supported by bank for two generations. Breakdown in trust leading to claims worth millions of pounds. Inter-generational issues on one side and financial recovery/client retention issues on the other
- Major marine infrastructure project in Ireland. Several parties involved. Failure of substantial parts of the project. Political, financial, insurance, engineering and professional services issues involved
- Largest PPI construction project of its type in that locality. Cross-border issues and serious implications for decision-makers, funders and others. Cultural issues involving players from different countries. Lengthy process, millions of relevant currency at stake
- Sub-sea telecoms connection between continents, with cross-border implications and significant political sensitivities and public/private funding aspects
- Highly sensitive political matter, with representatives of two governments meeting to address complex and controversial issues about transfer of powers with diverse expectations
- Dispute over selection of prominent sportsman involving a well-known British sporting body; need for creative solution avoiding fall out in press and elsewhere

- Intricate IP matter with issues concerning invention of micro technology for IT industry in very significant international markets. Earn out provisions and warranty issues
- Ongoing matter involving funding private and public finding of innovative tourist venture. Fall out between external funders and founder/CEO. Constructed buy out package in rapidly changing economic, personal and policy environment
- IT contract for publicly funded national organisation. Largest of its type. Catastrophic failure. Mediation to resolve contractual implications for delivery and outstanding claims
- International distribution company investing in complex stock management technology. System failure. Litigation in Middle East courts
- Hugely sensitive matter involving legislation struck down by courts and implications for a whole industry. Involving government, trade bodies, industry leaders, affected individuals/small businesses
- Very large transport infrastructure contract in Middle East involving multiple jurisdictions, value in the hundreds of millions
- Dispute involving years of distribution of major components in Asia, with large UK plc and European contractor
- Investor/shareholder matter involving iconic industry leader and public financing, complex matter with multiple interests
- Dispute over IPR and effectiveness of patented products in relation to unique engineering facility in UK
- Complex planning matter involving housebuilding, farming and higher education interests and with multiple parties.
- Banking matter with business customer based in Europe claiming wrongful payment from accounts held by UK bank
- Several claims by commercial customers against banks arising out of banking crisis and recession
- Distribution software contract involving Middle East interests and leading UK corporate
- IP dispute involving technology for mobile phones, with issues about warranties and earn-outs, involving inventors and purchasers of IPR
- Contract for provision of new software technology for large public sector body, high profile matter, dispute with developer of technology