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Kiran Unni is an experienced litigator who represents clients in high-stakes commercial disputes, often arising from special situations. Mr. Unni has acted in English High Court litigation and international arbitrations across a range of industry sectors, including banking, cryptocurrency, distressed debt, oil and gas, private equity, technology and telecommunications. Mr. Unni also has significant expertise in international asset recovery, including the cross-border enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards.

Before joining Kobre & Kim, Mr. Unni practiced at Baker Botts LLP where he litigated complex commercial disputes. Earlier in his career, Mr. Unni was a judicial assistant to Lord Mance, Lord Brown and Lord Carnwath at the UK Supreme Court.

Admissions

- Barrister, England & Wales
- Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) Courts

Education

- St Edmund Hall, Oxford, BCL
- Queens' College, Cambridge, BA, LL.M (First Class)
- College of Law, London, Legal Practice Course

Select Engagements

- Representation of an engineering company in the enforcement of a US multi-billion dollar arbitration award against an African state.
- Representation of certain New Zealand trusts to anticipate and develop strategies for pre-empting or defending against claims in numerous jurisdictions arising from allegations about the trusts' settlor.
- Representation of several executives of an oil company operating in the Middle East, Central Asia and Africa, in providing a strategy to release and protect assets in the U.S., the UK, the Cayman Islands and several other offshore jurisdictions in light of a foreign bribery investigation being conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice and UK authorities.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, Member

Publications & Presentations

KOBRE & KIM

- Co-author, "UK Supreme Court Shows Flexibility in Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards: *Taurus Petroleum Ltd v State Oil Marketing Co of the Ministry of Oil, Iraq* [2017] UKSC 64" (*Lexology*, 29 November 2017)
- Co-author, "English Courts Provide Guidelines to Address Inconsistent Jurisdictional Provisions in Related Agreements" (*International Arbitration Law Review*, Volume 19, Issue 4, August 2016)
- Co-author, "When is Referral to a Dispute Adjudication Board a Precondition for Court or Arbitration Proceedings?" (*International Arbitration Law Review*, Volume 19, Issue 1, February 2016)
- Author, "Case Note: *Diag Human SE v Czech Republic* [2014] EWHC 1639 (Comm)" (*International Arbitration Law Review*, Volume 18, Issue 4, August 2015)
- Author, "Case Note: *BDMS Ltd v Rafael Advanced Defence Systems* [2014] EWHC 451 (Comm)" (*International Arbitration Law Review*, Volume 18, Issue 4, August 2015)