



# ASTRAEA



Legal and  
professional  
services, from  
every angle.

Astraea is a special situations legal and professional services firm committed to protecting our clients' interests, mitigating risk and unlocking opportunity.

# At Astraea, we believe that the legal story is never the whole story.

In today's volatile global environment, clients face frequent and complex threats. These situations can lead to various legal, commercial, regulatory, and reputational issues. Typically, managing multiple external advisors for each problem is costly, time-consuming, and inefficient.

Astraea breaks the mould by offering a multi-disciplinary approach, eliminating the silos between legal and professional services to provide a comprehensive solution for complex problems and crisis events. Our tailored teams, supported by our Special Situations Advisory Panel, focus on achieving the best outcomes for our clients. This panel includes senior independent experts with extensive experience in guiding organisations through significant threats and opportunities.

## Helping clients navigate an increasingly complex world

Our team includes professionals from diverse fields such as law, accounting, forensic investigations, compliance, tax, wealth management, and crisis response.

## Areas of expertise

- Special Situations Advisory
- Dispute Resolution
- Regulatory and Compliance
- Forensic Investigations and Intelligence
- Reputation Management and Crisis Response
- Fintech and Digital Asset Advisory
- Civil Fraud
- Private Client Advisory

## Values

Astraea is a values-based organisation, committed to diversity, quality and a relentless focus on outcomes. We strive to be trusted partners to our clients, and to provide access and support to the next generation of professionals, regardless of their backgrounds.

## The right people around the table

No crisis is the same, and no client is the same. Astraea curates the right team with the appropriate combination of experience and skills to seek a solution to a client's problem and to execute that plan.







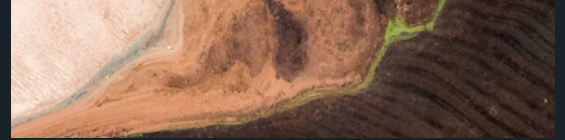
## Expertise

At the centre of Astraea is our dispute resolution practice, comprising experienced barristers, solicitors, forensic investigators and intelligence analysts, who have deep international disputes expertise.



### Special Situations Advisory

Astraea's Special Situations Advisory Panel offers strategic counsel and hands-on support from experienced experts in complex legal, commercial, regulatory, and reputational crises.



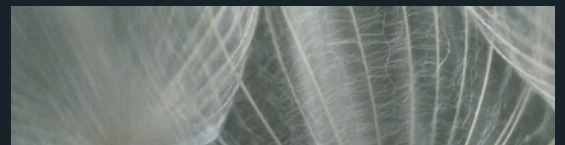
### Dispute Resolution

Astraea's core is a dispute resolution team of barristers, solicitors, forensic investigators, and intelligence analysts with deep international expertise.



### Regulatory and Compliance

Astraea's team offers deep expertise in regulatory compliance for both contentious and non-contentious situations in today's complex global environment..



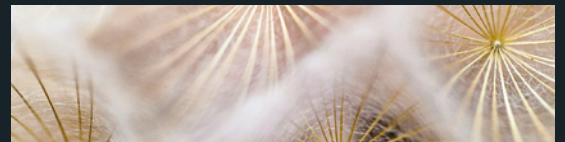
### Forensic Investigations and Intelligence

Astraea takes a holistic approach to the management of legal, regulatory, commercial and reputational risks.



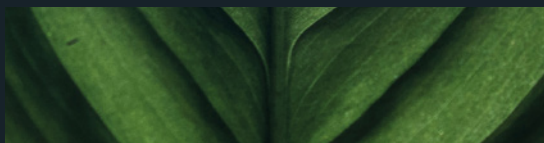
### Reputation Management and Crisis Response

Astraea' deploys multi-disciplinary teams of experts to deal with actions and events that threaten to sink businesses, blow up brands and damage personal reputations.



### Fintech and Digital Assets Advisory

Astraea's fintech and digital assets practice, led by expert James Ramsden KC, advises on regulation, investigates digital assets, and handles complex cryptocurrency disputes.



### Civil Fraud

Astraea's multidisciplinary team of lawyers, investigators and forensic accountants has expertise in civil fraud-related investigations, litigation, asset-tracing and recovery.



### Private Client Advisory

Astraea offers specific expertise for high net worth individuals and owner-managed businesses on their personal planning and wealth holding structures in the UK and internationally.



# Representative experience

## International Enforcement

Acting as Global Counsel for the holders of a USD 500 million Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) award. Coordinating and directing counsel in eight other jurisdictions and achieving settlement of the claim and all related disputes worldwide.

## Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal Representation

Representing the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) in the prosecution of the UK's largest law firm for breaches of Anti-money laundering (AML) regulations in the case of a foreign Politically Exposed Person (PEP).

## Non-financial misconduct

Investigating the conduct of a senior employee in a regulated professional services firm, in support of an internal disciplinary process.

## Litigation Support

Supporting an overseas government's strategy for enforcement of a USD 50 million judgment by tracing assets across Europe, Middle East, Caribbean, and US.

## Blackmail Threats

Successfully acting for the victim of an attempted blackmail relating to their personal life, which involved work with counterparties in Lebanon, Morocco and UAE.

## Leading Crypto Litigation

Acting for the claimants in the seminal crypto case of Tulip Trading Ltd v Bitcoin Association for BSV at both first instance and the Court of Appeal. Acted for Binance, Cryptopia and Himalaya Exchange.

## Multi-jurisdiction Asset Tracing

Acting for client in claims to recover assets in four jurisdictions, involving multiple asset and evidence preservation orders.

## Family Dispute

Advising beneficiaries of a will and a Liechtenstein foundation in relation to a family dispute and HMRC investigations, reaching a satisfactory outcome in both cases.

## Jurisdiction Disputes

Acting for the claimants in an alleged cartel operating in Brazil and successfully establishing jurisdiction to sue the alleged cartelists in the UK.

## Sanctions Compliance

Assisting a trust services company with an application to the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) in respect of an investor that they needed to return funds to.

## Financial wrongdoing

Investigating suspicious transactions exceeding USD 300 million on behalf of an oil major.

## Strategic Intelligence

Conducting due diligence on Africa-wide border security contractor for private equity client considering an acquisition.

## Disinformation Campaigns

Successfully acting for clients who were subject to lobbying campaigns aimed at achieving their designation under international sanctions regimes.

## Market Leading Regulatory Advice

Advising on DeFI and Digital Assets regulation in Gibraltar, Belize and Sri Lanka.

## Defence of Multi-jurisdiction Claims

Acting for UAE resident Indian clients in defence of multiple claims alleging extractions from trust monies.

## Fiduciary Risk Management

Conducting a risk review of a family office trust company's trusts under management, particularly trustee investment duties, advising on steps to mitigate risks and putting in place a new risk management procedure.

## Fraud & Asset Tracing – Digital Assets

Acting in Sino-Hong Kong digital asset dispute and alleged investor fraud and as Global Counsel in the largest alleged crypto fraud to go to trial in the US.

## Anti-money laundering

Advising a family office on its AML procedures as well as providing in-person AML training to their team.

## Regulatory Investigations

Leading a range of complex financial crime investigations on behalf of a UK headquartered bank in order to comply with its legal and regulatory obligations.

## Online Threat Investigation

Establishing the identity of a hostile online actor threatening a high-profile actress and implementing preventative measures.

## "Black PR" Operations

Successfully acting for advisors who were subject to a "black PR" campaign by rogue operators acting for a nation state adverse to their client.

## De-Fi Market First

Advising on the first and so far only successful sale of high value UK real estate for Bitcoin.

## Recognition of DIFC Judgments

Acting for the successful claimant venture capital company in obtaining and then gaining recognition in the UK of a Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) judgment against its fraudulent former CEO.

## Trustees Impacted by Sanctions

Advising trustees of trusts settled by an individual designated under UK sanctions on compliance with the regime in the ongoing management of trust assets.





## Get in touch

We look forward to discussing how  
we can help you.

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