

LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Seeking financial expertise, including valuation and damages quantification, can positively impact the outcome of your legal action or dispute.

At BDO, our knowledgeable financial advisory professionals have significant experience reviewing, analyzing, and interpreting detailed financial information to support lawyers and their clients throughout the dispute resolution process. Our strengths lie in analyzing and simplifying complicated financial issues to facilitate settlement discussions or provide independent expert evidence in court, arbitration or mediation.

We provide comprehensive litigation support services in actual or potential legal proceedings to lawyers and their clients. Our professionals strive to provide high quality, independent expert reports based on reasonable assumptions and sound financial analysis. These can be used in settlement discussions, before a court, regulatory body, government authority, or in an alternative dispute resolution setting. We utilize a team approach involving the solicitor, client and other professionals to ensure that your engagement is conducted in a thorough and efficient, yet cost-effective and timely, manner.

In addition to our practical experience, our team includes Chartered Accountants, Chartered Business Valuators, Investigative and Forensic Accountants, Certified Fraud Examiners and Corporate Finance professionals.

Our financial advisory team can:

- Quantify financial losses and/or economic damages
- Assess the value of an asset, security or business interest
- Identify documents and business records to be requested
- Prepare questions to be asked at examination for discovery
- Provide document management services
- Interview key witnesses on financial matters
- Review and analyze financial evidence
- Review and/or prepare financial forecasts, budgets and plans
- Conduct company, industry, economic, and other research
- Investigate and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the financial evidence
- Develop computerized applications and models to assist in the analysis and presentation of financial evidence
- Identify and evaluate alternative methods of quantifying damages and mitigating damages
- Identify other experts that are relevant to loss calculations (e.g. real estate appraisers, machinery and equipment appraisers, actuaries, compensation experts)
- Prepare expert reports suitable for use in court, arbitration, mediation or for settlement discussions
- Review opposing expert reports and prepare a critique report
- Evaluate and formulate negotiating positions with respect to financial settlements
- Prepare visual aids to support and illustrate our evidence
- Provide expert testimony





Our financial advisory professionals have extensive experience providing expert witness services in the following types of legal matters:

Commercial disputes

- Breach of contract
- Breach of tender
- Breach of fiduciary duty
- Patent infringement

Securities legislation

- Investment advisory matters including mismanagement of client funds and breach of non-compete agreements

Shareholder and/or estate disputes

- Oppression and dissent
- Misappropriation of corporate opportunities
- Business, security and stock option valuations

Matrimonial disputes

- Net family property calculations
- Income calculations for spousal and child support obligations
- Contingent tax calculations
- Business, security and stock option valuations

Civil litigation

- Tort losses
- Personal injury
- Accident Benefits
- Wrongful dismissal
- Wrongful death
- Product liability

Insurance claims

- Business interruption
- Inventory losses
- Fidelity

Fraud

- Forensic investigations

Expropriations

Class action matters

Tax valuation disputes

Professional negligence claims