



# Asset recovery

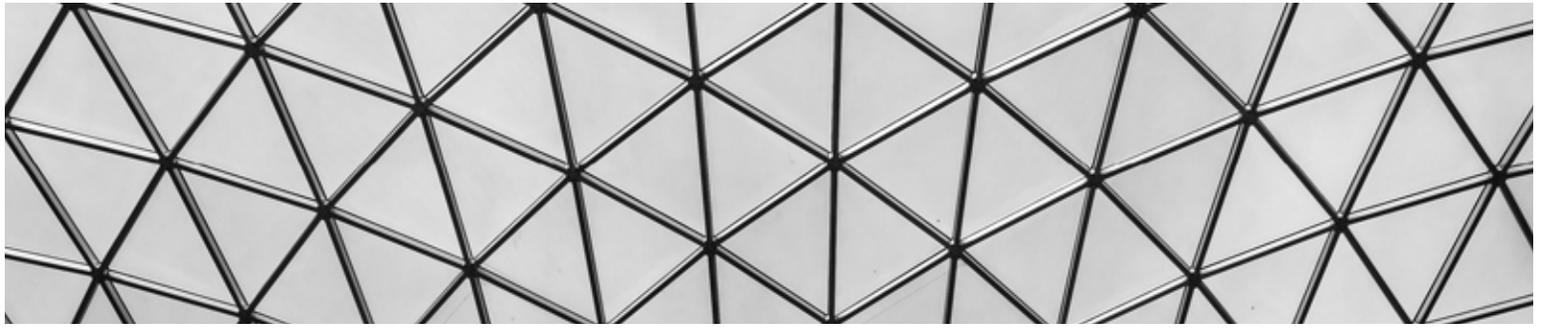
Burford provides asset tracing and judgment enforcement services to ensure litigation and arbitration awards are legally implemented—and financing options to help manage the cost and risk of recovery.

Burford's asset recovery team specializes in asset tracing, litigation support and dispute resolution, and provides much-needed corporate intelligence to private practice lawyers, in-house counsel and senior management involved in all types of commercial disputes. This intelligence is designed to guide strategic decision-making—informing, directing and going considerably beyond the typical disclosure or discovery process.

## How clients and firms use our asset recovery services

- Gather intelligence to inform engagement strategy and effect settlement
- Trace assets of individuals, commercial entities or sovereign states
- Prove legal and beneficial ownership, risk of dissipation and bars to enforcement
- Investigate fraud or white collar crime
- Retrieve primary evidence, documentary or digital, and interview witnesses of fact
- Advise on feasibility of enforcing any judgment or award
- Distinguish strategically important assets
- Select local counsel and advisors in novel and challenging jurisdictions
- Provide legal counsel when needed and appropriate\*

Burford can provide a variety of financing schemes, including fee-for-service, contingent financing or the purchase of unsatisfied judgments and awards.



*58% of corporations have not been paid the full value of judgments in the last five years.*

Source: 2016 Judgment Enforcement Survey

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### Success story

The holder of an arbitration award against a former Soviet state and one of its now-defunct trading partners sought help in locating assets for eventual enforcement, along with local contextual knowledge.

Burford identified significant assets attachable to the respondent sovereign state, located in a third-party jurisdiction where the award could be more readily enforced and involving a trade partner that was politically sensitive to the state. Crucially, the assets also sat outside the protections of sovereign immunity.

Armed with actionable information that could be produced for legal purposes, we advised on the selection of experienced local legal counsel to pursue enforcement and in parallel identified a potentially sympathetic individual within the government in question who was able to highlight the negative implications of legal action being launched. In short order, representatives of the state entered into settlement negotiations—and a debt that was very nearly written-off was recovered almost in full.

### Why Burford

- **Expertise:** Our team includes analysts, subject matter specialists, forensic accountants and linguists, with a range of backgrounds including law, insurance and the British Intelligence Services (if required, we can also draw upon the services of a practicing English solicitor who works hand in glove with the Burford asset recovery team)
- **Scope:** We work across all jurisdictions and frequently conduct multinational investigations; we've developed longstanding relationships with experts to ensure we understand the best mechanisms for asset recovery and discovery
- **Speed:** We understand the urgent need for information can arise with little warning, so we turn our projects around promptly and frequently work closely with our clients to ensure they have what they need, when they need it
- **Scale:** Burford is publicly listed in London and has over \$2 billion invested and available to invest in commercial litigation and arbitration finance, so we have the transparency and scale that instills confidence in our service and product
- **Results:** Burford's team has been involved with recoveries for hundreds of law firms, companies, sovereign states and government agencies, and they rely on us for one simple reason: We deliver results

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