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# OVERVIEW OF IMF EXPANSION STRATEGY INTO THE US MARKET

- 1. Please find attached a presentation which was given today to institutional investors.
- 2. A webcast of the presentation can be accessed at www.imf.com.au.

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## **Executive Summary**

- IMF Expansion to the US Market
- Bentham Team
- Overview Of US Litigation Market
- US Competitors
- Bentham Investment Strategy
- Bentham Marketing Approach
- Opportunities



# The IMF Expansion to the US Market

- Proven Market: Successfully tested by IMF
- Native US Trial Attorney: Extensive knowledge of US legal system
- Litigation Finance Professional Possessing:
  - Network of law firms, knowledge of industry, strategic partners
  - Experience setting up and managing a funding enterprise
- Largest Legal Market: New York
- Few Competitors
- Growing Demand for Risk Capital
- Controlled Growth: Contain costs



### **Bentham Team**



### **Ralph Sutton**

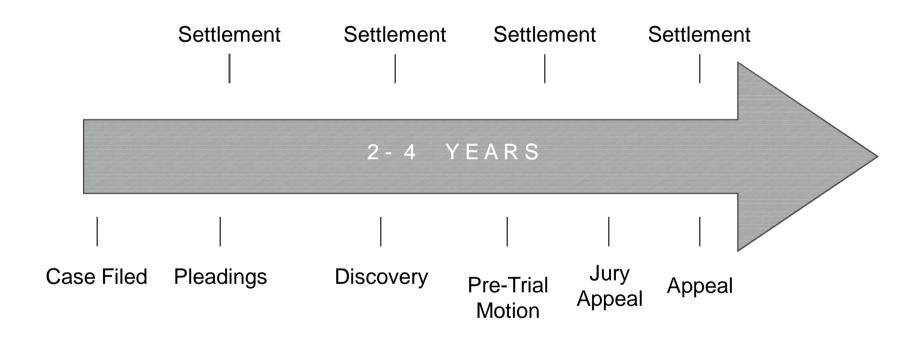
- Helped found and run Credit Suisse Litigation Risk Strategies group for over four years
- Over 17 years of trial practice; law clerk to US district court judge
- Network of US law firm relationships and strategic partnerships



### **Charlie Gollow**

- Senior IMF investment manager of 9 years; with US market experience
- Over 16 years of trial practice; Managing Partner of WA Law Firm
- Coordinates IMF resources for Bentham

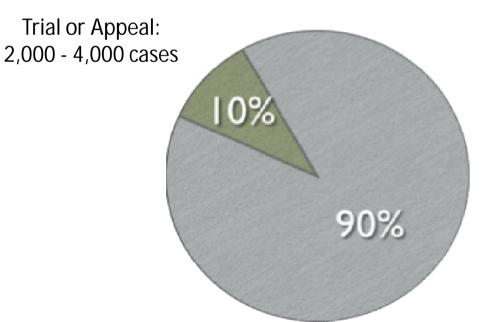
# **Stages of US Litigation and Settlement Points**





## Vast Majority of Civil Cases are Settled Before Trial

- AmLaw 200 firms carry an estimated average of 100 200 significant litigation matters each for total: 20,000 - 40,000
- Approximately 90% of civil cases settle before trial



Settled Before Trial 18,000 - 36,000 cases

SOURCE: T. EISENBERG AND C. LANVERS, "WHAT IS THE SETTLEMENT RATE AND WHY DO WE CARE." 6 JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES. 111-146 (2009)



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### **US Competitors**

- **Burford** Direct competitor, focused on larger cases; AIM listed Oct '09 (£80), Further raise in 2010 (£110)
- Juridica Direct competitor; AIM listed Dec '07 (£80)
- Credit Suisse Direct Competitor
- BlackRobe Just launched
- Fulbrook Just launched
- **UK Funders Expanding Reach**: Harbour, Calunius
- Patent Funds/Investors: Altitude, Acacia, Rembrandt, Eton Park, Invesco



# **Bentham Investment Strategy**

- Fund cases in major states without legal impediments such as champerty, maintenance or usury (New York, California, Texas, Florida -- 28 states)
- Focus on contingency fee cases at top firms
- Early stage commercial contingency cases
- Early stage patent contingency cases
- Shorter duration cases (appeals, others)



# Breakdown of AmLaw 200 Litigation Revenue (2009)

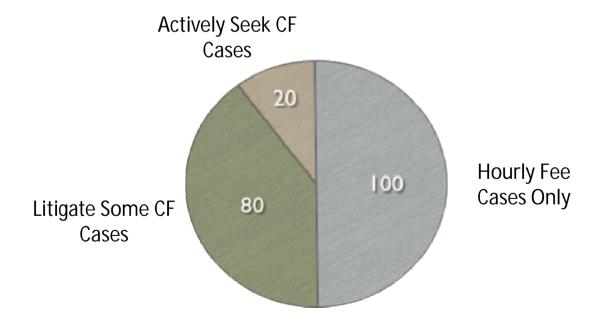


SOURCE: AMERICAN LAWYER MAGAZINE



# **AmLaw 200 Law Firms Focusing on Contingency Fee Cases**

- Estimated 50% of AmLaw 200 firms do only hourly fee cases
- Estimated 80 AmLaw 200 firms litigate some CF cases
- Estimated 20 AmLaw 200 firms actively seek CF cases



SOURCE: UNCONFIRMED MARKET DATA



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### BENTHAM FOCUS ON CONTINGENCY FEE CASES

- Attorneys defer all or part of fees and costs until case resolves
- Attorneys bargain for 10 40% of settlement/judgment, depending on client's contribution, size of expected recovery, leverage
- Law firms develop portfolio of CF cases to boost their profitability and spread risk
- CF cases allow Bentham to:
  - Establish preliminary quality of legal claims
  - Fund the firms' fees and/or costs for percentage of client recovery
  - Align incentives with top firms (firms need "skin in the game")



### **Bentham Products and Investment Details**

### Products:

- Early stage commercial cases on contingency
- Early stage patent cases on contingency
- Shorter duration investments

### Characteristics:

- Average investment size: \$2-5 m for fees/costs or working capital
- Expected returns: 3x-5x (\$6-25 m)
- Duration: 2-4 years

### Plaintiffs' motivation:

- Bentham funding litigation fees and/or costs
- Bentham monetizes claim for working capital



# **US Marketing Goals**

- Introduce and develop the Bentham brand to the US legal market
- Differentiate the brand from the competitors
- Achieve a diversified portfolio of investments:
  - Commercial litigation: 50%
  - Patent cases: 30-35%
  - Appeals and special/niche: 15-20%



## **US Opportunities to Date**

- Deal flow is robust
- Not in full marketing mode
- Representative Areas
  - Breach of Contract / Commercial Litigation
  - Patent
  - Anti-Trust

