**Lucy Preston**  
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**Education**

**2014 to 2015 Legal Practice Course, University of Law, Guildford**

Commendation

**2012 to 2013 GDL, College of Law, Guildford**

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**2009 to 2012 BA (Hons) English Literature, University of Warwick**

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**2004 to 2009 Guildford High School for Girls**

A-Levels: English A, Politics A, History B

**Current Role**

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| **8 January 2024 – present** | **Mantle Law, London** |
| **Senior Associate** |  |
| *Representative experience:*  Acting for the contractor in a dispute against the joint venture in relation claims arising from a terminated oil production and refinery project with estimates losses of USD 2 billion, LCIA arbitration.  Acting for a European contractor in a number of disputes arising in relation to offshore wind farms, including in the UK and Asia, for variations, technical issues, delay and disruption claims.  Acting for the contractor in adjudication and litigation proceedings in relation to historic fire safety issues, which including litigation in the TCC on a novel point of law, anticipated to go to the Court of Appeal in 2025.  Acting for the trade contractor in luxury hotel development dispute including variation claims, delay, disruption and prolongation.  *Recognition:*  I was recognised as a “Future Leader – Non Partner” in Lexology 2024.  I was recognised in Legal500 2024.  *Speaking Engagements:*  Panellist at LIDW Event on Overcoming Evidential Hurdles in Construction Arbitration | |
| **2 December 2019 – 7 January 2024** | **Orrick, London** |
| **Managing Associate (as of January 2021)** | **International Arbitration** |
| *Representative experience:*  Acting for a contractor against the owner of a solar power plant in relation to a number of force majeure claims, delay and extra works claims in ICC arbitration. | |
| Acting for a contractor against the owner of a power plant project in relation to a number of extension of time claims (including in relation to Covid-19), Extra Works claims and damages arising as a result of a bond drawdown in ICC arbitration. | |
| Represented developer of a major financial district in the Middle East on the resolution of valuable arbitration disputes, as well as providing project delivery assistance and dispute avoidance assistance. | |
| Acting for a contractor in the aviation industry in respect of termination in the English High Court. | |
| Acting for a commodities company against a trading house in relation to a widespread fraud over metals in SIAC arbitration. | |
| Advising a contractor in relation to a number of ad-hoc issues arising in relation to *inter alia* the negotiation of force majeure clauses following Covid-19, potential drawdowns on bonds and liquidated damages. | |
| Acting for a listed Scandinavian exploration and production company in ICC arbitration against a Middle-Eastern state concerning claims in relation to the contractor's cost recovery under a production sharing contract and abusive conduct on the part of the state. | |
| Acting for the manufacturer of aircraft seats against state-owned carrier in relation to cancelled contracts in English High Court. | |
| Representing an African free zone development providing full logistic support to deepwater oil and gas operations in 12 LCIA arbitrations being pursued by an erstwhile joint venture partner under contracts governed by both English and Nigerian law.  I was recognised in the Legal 500 in September 2022.  *Other Firm Responsibilities:* I am a Member of DEI Committee, lead of Women's Initiative Fitness and Wellness Group and am on the Editorial Board of the Women's Initiative.  *Additional Qualifications*: In March 2023, I received my Higher Rights of Audience (Civil).  *Speaking Engagements:* In January 2023, I was a panellist on #YoungITA Event on upcoming trends in arbitration where I spoke on arbitrator challenges. In March 2023, I was a panellist at Paris Arbitration Week on a discussion on what lessons oil & gas companies and renewable energy companies can learn from each other during the energy transition. In May 2023, I was a panellist at London International Disputes Week on a panel discussing how to work with experts. In June 2023, I spoke at HKA’s Breakfast Bites seminar series on how to bring successful disruption claims. In October 2023, I spoke at a ACEDS seminar on managing disclosure in arbitration.  *Other:* In 2023, I was appointed to the YIAG Committee as the Kluwer Blog Representative. | |
| **Employment History** |  |
| **1 September 2017 – November 2019** | **Vinson & Elkins, London** |
| **Associate** | **International Dispute Resolution** |
| Representing a leading contractor in the oil and gas industry in an ICC arbitration in a dispute against a national energy company in relation to a cancelled pipeline project. | |
| Representing the Employer in a series of ICC arbitrations in relation to the construction, engineering and legal aspects of large infrastructure project. | |
| Representing an international EPC contractor and specialist waste-to-energy plant provider in a series of TECSA adjudications and a set of High Court proceedings representing. | |
| Representing a leading design contractor in the construction industry in an ICC arbitration representing in a dispute regarding a complex infrastructure project. | |
| Representing a listed Scandinavian exploration and production company in relation to fraud proceedings being brought against an oil field services company (ICC London) and a former employee (in the Scottish courts). | |
| **1 September 2015 – 1 September 2017** | **Vinson & Elkins, London** |
| **Trainee Solicitor** | **ETP, CCL, Finance, Tax** |
| Energy Transactions & Projects: tasks included assisting on Project Finance deal for the financing of an Ammonia Plant in Russia and assisting with EPC contracts for HDPE/Polymer Plant. | |
| Complex Commercial Litigation/Construction: assisted on various disputes including: | |
| * an ICC arbitration concerning an international structural façade consultant in ongoing payment and variation disputes in connection with the design and construction of a façade for a research facility in Saudi Arabia; | |
| * an LCIA arbitration concerning a contractual dispute between biotechnical companies; | |
| * a DR-CAFTA investment treaty arbitration concerning the expropriation of land; | |
| * an LCIA arbitration concerning a leading contractor in the oil and gas industry in a dispute regarding variations and prolongation in relation to the supply of two vessels; | |
| * an ICC arbitration concerning a leading contractor in the oil and gas industry in a dispute against a national energy company in relation to a cancelled pipeline project; | |
| * an ICC arbitration based on a rogue employee defrauding our client via systematic overcharging; and | |
| * a series of TECSA adjudications representing an international EPC contractor and specialist energy-from-waste plant provider in major disputes concerning the design of various plants in the UK. | |
| Finance: assisted on re-financing of real estate assets in France: including various amendment agreements, supplementary security documents and notices and arranging for French and Lux law documents to be prepared by local counsel. | |
| M&A: assisted on acquisition of golf course: including drafting due diligence questionnaire, due diligence report, assisting with drafting of SPA. | |
| Tax: ongoing research tasks: including monitoring current awareness of the Budget (particularly on North Sea oil and gas) and the implications of Brexit. | |
| **12 April 2014 – 13 March 2015** | **Clyde & Co, Guildford** |
| **Paralegal** | **Marine Department** |
| Sole paralegal on the firm’s largest marine cargo casualty. Daily tasks included corresponding with clients, opponents and experts as well as significant amounts of administration including advanced Excel work. | |
| **10 January – 11 April 2014** | **Clyde & Co, Guildford** |
| **Legal Secretary** | **Marine Department** |
| Worked for a Senior Equity Partner. Daily duties delegated using BigHand for tasks such as correspondence, documents, maintaining records, research tasks and various administrative tasks, including booking client meals and accommodation, organising seminars and lectures, and arranging foreign business development trips. | |
| Advanced skills: Microsoft Office, Worksite, Deltaview, BigHand | |
| **11 November 2013 – 9 January 2014** | **Clyde & Co, Guildford** |
| **Legal Secretary** | **Property Department** |
| Worked for a Senior Associate and Associate in Property department. Daily duties included working with BigHand which delegated tasks including emails, correspondence, research tasks, drafting and amending legal documents and maintaining document files for projects. | |
| **15-19 July 2013** | **Vinson & Elkins, London** |
| Vacation Scheme – Undertook tasks in International Arbitration, Construction, Project Finance and Tax; as well as completing general research tasks for the firm’s quarterly Energy updates. | |
| **October 2012 – June 2013** | **Clyde & Co, London/Guildford** |
| Shadowing Senior Associate Gary Parnell on an ad-hoc basis. Working in Commercial IT & IP and Corporate Insurance. | |
| **2004 – November 2013** | **AND Designs Ltd., Surrey** |
| **Office Manager** |  |
| Undertook general administrative duties, such as updating files and filing system, reception work, organising correspondence and greeting clients; created and maintained financial accounts and invoices; and key achievement was the creation of the company website and brochures. | |
| **2 – 14 July 2007** | **Carr & Co, Newcastle Upon Tyne** |
| **Shadowing Partner Valerie Wormald** | **Family, Wills and Probate** |
| **April 2004 to 2012** | **Papercourt Sailing Club, Send** |
| **Dinghy Racing Instructor.** |  |

**Interests and Memberships**

Sailing (Racing Dinghy Instructor), running, yoga teacher (200hr RYT), breathwork and meditation teacher.

SCL, YAF, YIAG, LCIA, ICDR, ArbitralWomen, Women in Law, Energy Arbitration Club Memberships

**Referees available upon request**