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SUMMARY

I am an experienced international arbitration lawyer and solicitor advocate at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP. I have over 10 years' experience of acting as counsel in large and complex international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations under all the major arbitration institutions. For the past year, I have been working as a knowledge lawyer, responsible for thought leadership, training and practice management across HSF's global arbitration group.

CAREER HISTORY

Professional support lawyer, International Arbitration, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

August 2021 to present

I support the global arbitration group with knowledge, training and practice management.

Senior Associate, International Arbitration, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

September 2016 to August 2021

Experience:

- Representing a global energy major on two major LCIA arbitrations, both in the quantum phase, concerning the construction of subsea pipelines and trade of crude oil in the Caspian sea respectively.
- Acting for a defrauded party in the preparation for the quantum phase of the largest ever SIAC arbitration (valued in excess of USD 5.5bn). I have been responsible for leading the strategy on quantum case, including liaising with external counsel, forensic accountants and a market expert.
- Advising a venture capital fund with settling a dispute with its anchor investor.
- Completing a three month secondment to Lloyds Banking Group's in-house Group Litigation Team to act as counsel on LCIA arbitration proceedings against Standard Life Aberdeen relating to a series of investment management agreements in respect of approximately £100bn of assets (December 2018 to March 2019).
- Advising a global hotel chain on potential arbitration proceedings arising out of the termination of operating agreements for four hotels in the Middle East.
- Advising a major oil & gas company in ICC arbitration proceedings for the recovery of its litigation costs under a contractual indemnity provided by a contractor.
- Advising a global bank in relation to LCIA proceedings and interim relief in Cyprus arising from a facility agreement and suite of security documents.

Associate, International Arbitration, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

September 2011 to August 2016

Experience:

- Spent two years seconded to Herbert Smith Freehills' Singapore dispute resolution team, working primarily on arbitrations in the energy and construction sector (2013-2015)
- Completed a four-month secondment to Premier Oil's legal team in Singapore (2014)

- Acted for the Claimant in *Standard Chartered Bank (HK) Limited v Tanesco* (ICSID Case No. ARB 10/20), in a dispute arising out of a power purchase agreement
- Spent two months seconded to the arbitration group's professional support team, with a focus on thought leadership and client and external engagement on key developments in international arbitration (March-May 2015)

Trainee, Herbert Smith LLP

September 2009 to August 2011

- First seat: Spent six months in the corporate division, with a focus on investment funds
- Second seat: Spent six months in the International Arbitration team
- Third seat: Spent three months as judicial assistant to Mr. Justice Vos (now Master of the Rolls) in the High Court, and three months in the Real Estate team
- Spent six months seconded to IBM's legal team (disputes) in London

EDUCATION

- Graduated with a first class degree in modern and medieval languages from St Hugh's College, University of Oxford (ranked 14/171 in the year).
- Awarded a scholarship by St. Hugh's college and won the Marjorie Countess of Warwick travelling bursary for being the highest performing female candidate in first year exams.
- Obtained post-graduate legal qualification at BPP Law School in London (Distinction for LPC and Commendation for GDL)