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Background

Sanaa is a Director with EY Forensic & Integrity Services in London, with sixteen years of experience providing financial expert witness and advisory services for clients in the UK, Europe, the US and Asia.

Sanaa brings a multidisciplinary skillset, specialising in performing accounting, economic and complex data analysis to assess damages and potential liabilities for clients in industries including energy, financial services, TMT, manufacturing and healthcare.

Sanaa has worked on a variety of international arbitrations, cross border disputes and investigations. She has appeared before an ICC Tribunal as an expert representative and has led expert witness project teams in cases before ICC, LCIA, JCAA, LMAA and ad hoc (UNCITRAL) Tribunals and the High Court. Sanaa has also been involved in matters with UK and US prosecutors and other authorities, including the UK Serious Fraud Office and US Department of Justice.

Sanaa holds a bachelor's degree in Business-Economics from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), a certificate in accounting also from UCLA and a PG Dip (Law) from King's College London's Economics for Competition Law programme. Sanaa is a dual national of the UK and the US.

Professional experience

Sanaa's representative experience includes:

- Appointed as expert to assess compensation due to a FTSE 250 company in a compulsory purchase matter before the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber).
- ▶ Post-transaction dispute related to the carve-out of a manufacturing company. Appeared in an ICC hearing as an expert representative regarding financial issues in a hypothetical liquidation valuation.
- LCIA matter concerning a purchase price adjustment following the sale of a Nigerian operating company.
- Assessment of financing costs in a LMAA arbitration relating to the termination of a construction contract for an offshore drilling rig.
- Arbitration under UNCITRAL rules concerning the valuation of certain trademark licensing arrangements on termination of a contract between two downstream oil and gas operators.
- ▶ Business interruption ICC arbitration against a European company with worldwide operations, alleging fraud and breach of duty following the sale of a manufacturing company.
- ▶ ICC arbitration matter related to the sale and subsequent insolvency of a European manufacturing company. Assessment of business planning and cash position across worldwide sales organisations.
- ▶ In a JCAA matter, assessment of potential liabilities relating to a breach of duty claim brought by an automotive distributor against a vehicle manufacturer.
- ► Early case assessment advisory role for a distressed oil company with production sites in Africa and the Middle East. Evaluation of potential liabilities (quantum) on termination of certain construction contracts.
- ► Calculation of damages in a shareholder negligence claim related to valuation of a subsidiary of an international organisation following a debt restructuring.
- Financial review of a national telecommunications operator (under bankruptcy protection) to assess the credit risk relating to certain intercompany loan arrangements.
- ► Several European disputes arising out of the collapse of the Lehman Brothers group, including relating to:
 - a Lehman process known as RASCALS;
 - a Lehman stock lending entity related to a claim for \$6 billion in excess collateral; and
 - the financing and trading structures of securities in excess of \$2 billion held in a trust capacity.