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PERSONAL SUMMARY

I am a triple qualified lawyer admitted to practice as a solicitor in England & Wales, as an Attorney at law in New York (USA) and as Dikigoros in Athens (Greece). I am currently working as a Senior Associate at Hausfeld & Co LLP in London where my practice focuses primarily on commercial and financial services litigation. I have significant experience in complex commercial disputes before English and Greek national courts and have also gained substantial EU litigation experience before the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in Luxembourg, while working for the Legal Service of the European Commission in Brussels.

BAR ADMISSIONS

LAW SOCIETY OF ENGLAND & WALES – Solicitor, admitted with the Senior Courts of England & Wales, January 2021

NEW YORK STATE BAR – Attorney at law, admitted with the Supreme Court of New York, USA, September 2014

ATHENS BAR ASSOCIATION – LAWYER (Dikigoros), admitted to practice law in Athens - Greece, August 2010

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL, Chicago, USA
LL.M, June 2011
Russell Baker Scholar

NATIONAL & KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS, Athens, Greece
LL.B, April 2008

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX, United Kingdom
Erasmus student exchange program
October – December 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HAUSFELD & CO LLP, LONDON

Senior Associate
Associate
Legal Intern

August 2015 to present

January 2023 - present
October 2017 – December 2022
August 2015 – September 2017

Senior Associate, Associate & Legal intern

Financial services/Commercial Litigation:

Acted for claimants in high value High Court actions in relation to complex financial services disputes, including claims in connection with LIBOR-rigging, mis-selling of interest rate hedging products and legal actions brought against major financial institutions that had “artificially distressed” SMEs and driven them into administration in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. Substantial experience in alternative dispute resolution, particularly mediation. Case highlights include:

- Acted for the claimants in *Premier Motorauctions & another v PwC and Lloyds*, a high profile commercial dispute, listed as one of The Lawyer’s Top 20 cases of 2018. The claimants alleged that PwC and Lloyds conspired to force the administration and accelerated sale of their business. The case settled shortly before trial and was the first case where the issue of whether ATE insurance constitutes adequate security for costs was considered by the Court of Appeal. My responsibilities included:
 - drafting trial witness statements;
 - liaising with counsel for preparation of witnesses, trial timetable and trial bundle;
 - drafting inter-partes correspondence;
 - liaising with funder and ATE insurers and updating them on case developments;
 - assisting with the production of experts reports and ensuring compliance with CPR 35;
 - assisting on review and production of disclosure (including liaising with e-disclosure providers), managing internal disclosure team;
 - assisting in preparation of evidence for interlocutory applications (including drafting witness statements and application notices);

- preparing statement of costs and client disbursement invoices;
 - preparing for (agreeing the index, arranging the production of bundles, arranging transcription, incorporating bundles references in the skeleton argument and updating the court bundle) and attending case management conferences and interlocutory application hearings, including the defendants' security for costs applications at the High Court and the subsequent appeal at the Court of Appeal; and
 - preparing for and attending mediation.
- Acted for the claimants in *Wingate Associates Ltd v Lloyds*, a commercial dispute in which the claimants alleged that a settlement related to the mis-selling of financial instruments was void because the bank failed to inform them of its involvement in LIBOR manipulation. My responsibilities included:
- preparing instructions to counsel;
 - drafting inter-partes correspondence;
 - liaising with counsel for preparation of submissions and court orders;
 - producing LIBOR chronology which was appended to pleadings;
 - research on points of law and procedure; and
 - preparing for and attending mediation.
- Acted for the claimants on a £70m+ interest rate swap mis-selling claim by a property investment group of companies against a major international bank which includes fraud allegations arising from the bank's participation in the LIBOR rigging scandal. My day to day responsibilities included:
- drafting inter-partes correspondence in relation to issues with the defendant's LIBOR disclosure;
 - leading LIBOR disclosure review (including setting up disclosure protocol, managing team doing first level review and being responsible for second level review of disclosure, liaising with e-disclosure providers and arranging for production of disclosure); and
 - liaising with counsel for submissions in relation to LIBOR misrepresentations claims.
- Acted for the claimants in *Rowen Edward Michael Atkinson & another v National Westminster Bank Plc*, in relation to their claims for the mis-sale by the defendant to the claimants of a swap; and b) the claimants' subsequent failure to repay various loan and overdraft arrangements to the defendant on time. I was the lead Associate on this case from February 2019 to August 2020 and my responsibilities included
- day to day running of the matter;
 - liaising with the clients as the primary point of contact for the team;
 - drafting instructions to counsel;
 - drafting inter-partes correspondence; and
 - advising clients on the merits of their claims.
- Acted for an insolvency practitioner to assist in the enforcement of a bankruptcy order obtained in its capacity as Trustee in Bankruptcy of the bankrupt's estate. Assisted in identifying the assets available, including any claims which were available to the Trustee against third parties for the recovery of assets, while successfully resolving a bankruptcy annulment application made under section 282(1)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986. Also assisted in defending a challenge by the bankrupt to the Trustee's remuneration and expenses made under Rule 18.35 of the Insolvency Rules 2016.
- Involved in various other commercial disputes which were resolved prior to, or shortly after, proceedings were issued. My activities have included the following: (i) legal research into procedural and substantive law aspects; (ii) providing legal advice to clients based in and outside the UK; (iii) drafting open and without prejudice correspondence; (iv) reviewing and assisting in the preparation of pleadings; and (v) instructing counsel and expert economists.

Competition Litigation

- Currently involved in a large collective action brought at the Competition Appeal Tribunal against six global banks seeking damages in respect of foreign exchange (FX) spot trading cartels. The case is a follow-on damages claim based on two

settlement decisions by the European Commission from May 2019, which had imposed fines of over €1 billion to the infringing banks involved.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Represented various clients in multiple mediation sessions, successfully navigating complex disputes across a range of industries. My experience includes advocating for clients in both commercial and civil matters, with a focus on achieving amicable resolutions. I have worked closely with mediators and opposing parties to negotiate settlements, demonstrating strong negotiation skills and a deep understanding of ADR processes.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION – LEGAL SERVICE, BRUSSELS

March to July 2012

Trainee

Member of the MIME team of Legal Service that represents the European Commission in cases concerning: internal market of goods, energy including Euratom, enterprise, customs union and environment.

- conducted research and elaborated legal opinions in various fields of EU law;
- drafted legal documents for preliminary rulings and infringement proceedings before the ECJ;
- Assisted in the preparation of the legal counselors' Court pleadings and prepared documents providing internal advice to the Commission's DGs in the aforementioned fields;
- Worked mainly on environmental protection violations by Member States and EU market access issues; and
- Prepared for and attended three hearings before the ECJ, in Luxembourg.

ELENI LEKKA & ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM, ATHENS, GREECE

Associate

September 2011 – February 2012

Trainee lawyer

August 2008 – March 2010

Specialised in drafting lawsuits for car accident cases due to the law firm's well-established cooperation with one of the leading insurance companies in the world (Allianz). Entrusted with broad duties in various fields of law, both in advisory and litigation capacity. Worked mainly on Greek civil law cases and obtained substantial civil litigation experience before Greek national courts. Drafted writ of summons and memoranda. Completed research and elaborated legal opinions in various fields of law relating to Greek civil (including property, contract and torts) law but also substantive and procedural aspects of European law.

PRO BONO

- Volunteer work for pro bono clinic – worked with LawWorks (The Solicitors Pro Bono Group) assisting a client appeal a decision by the Department for Work and Pensions disallowing its Employment Support Allowance. Assisted in drafting legal submissions for hearing before the appeal tribunal.
- Lead associate on a claim against HMRC on behalf of a disabled pilot in relation to the VAT rating for the purchase of an aircraft modified for use by disabled persons, which was successfully resolved in favour of our client.
- Assisted ClientEarth on a corporate review project, which involved the review of the annual reports of the 250 largest companies listed on the LSE to assess the extent to which climate change is addressed under each of the relevant reporting requirements. The results of the review were included in a ClientEarth report that our firm was involved in co-authoring.

LANGUAGES

Greek (native), English (fluent), Italian (proficient), French (basic)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Legal Representative for the European Parliament Elections in Greece (June 2009 & May 2014) – in charge of the election procedure of my assigned department.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Basketball – candidate for the Greek women's national basketball team (Olympic Games, Athens 2004)