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Ellen Gracey

Ellen focuses primarily on commercial litigation.

Expertise

Ellen trained at White & Case LLP in their UK and New York offices. Most recently, she practised in their litigation and arbitration department, where she developed considerable expertise representing clients in both commercial litigation and international arbitration, often working with teams globally.

She also gained experience in employment, compensation and benefits matters, representing clients on a mixture of advisory, contentious and transactional work. She possesses expertise in banking, financial restructuring and insolvency, having taken a lead role in the signing process for the accession of nine English obligors to an asset-based loan and term loan facility. Furthermore, Ellen has knowledge of the private equity sector.

Clients

Ellen has represented a diverse range of clients across multiple jurisdictions including banks, fashion houses, oil and gas companies as well as high net-worth individuals. In addition, she has represented some clients on a pro-bono basis.

PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Disputes

Prior to Hausfeld, Ellen gained substantial transaction and litigation experience:

- Acting in a shareholder dispute advising the Claimant in an arbitration for damages for breach of an arbitration award.
- Advising on a litigation advising a group of companies operating in Ukraine in relation to various claims arising out of a SPA for the purchase of Ukraine's largest telecoms company.
- Assisting with a large investment treaty arbitration that was in the jurisdiction phase of proceedings.
- Advising an oil and gas giant on a potential dispute relating to its strategy with its joint venture partner and contractors.
- Instructed by a large bank when a senior member brought a claim for discrimination.

Financial Services

Prior to Hausfeld, Ellen:

- Was instructed by an investment bank to arrange a pre and post-delivery senior secured loan facility of USD 123 million for the financing of an expedition cruise vessel.
- Took on a lead role in the signing process for the accession of nine English obligors to an asset-based loan and term loan facility.

EDUCATION

Legal Practice Course, BPP Law School

LLB in Law, Queens University, Belfast

Scholarship – J.D. Programme, Washington University, St. Louis

BAR ADMISSIONS

Solicitor, England and Wales, 2019

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Whilst at university Ellen led the Enactus society, which focused on social entrepreneurship, equipping those less fortunate in the community with key business skills in order to find employment.

PUBLICATIONS

Ellen is a keen author. For example, she has drafted client alerts and a thought leadership article about the modernisation and innovation of the courts.

PERSPECTIVES

February 14, 2020

Can Force Majeure Clauses Remain Immune to the Coronavirus

January 7, 2020

Hausfeld's 2019 Review – Commercial Disputes