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Practice Overview

Emily is developing a broad international commercial practice, focusing on international arbitration, commercial litigation, commercial fraud, and the closely related areas of insurance, professional negligence, product liability and property damage. She also acts for a range of clubs and individual athletes dealing with contractual and personal injury matters in sport disputes.

From September to December 2018, Emily was seconded to Baker McKenzie Habib Al Mulla in Dubai, where she worked within the Banking & Finance and International Arbitration teams. Emily has rights of audience to appear before the DIFC courts.

Emily is a native English and French speaker, and is noted for her ability to work seamlessly between the two languages. Emily is therefore ideally placed to assist in claims involving French-language elements. Prior to joining 2TG, Emily worked at the Court of Justice of the European Union as a Judicial Assistant to Judge Vajda and Advocate General Sharpston, having been selected as Middle Temple's Bristow Scholar.

Emily regularly appears in the High Court and County Court in all levels of claims and applications, including interim applications before both Masters and Judges.

Emily is noted for her approachability and ease with clients. A summary of Emily's commercial practice can be found below.

Practice areas

Commercial Dispute Resolution
Insurance & Reinsurance
Personal Injury
Private International Law
Product Liability
Professional Negligence
Property Damage
Sport

Memberships

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PIBA
PNBA
LCLCBA
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Qualifications

LLB (Hons) in Law
BPTC

Education

University of Nottingham
City Law School, City University
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Commercial Dispute Resolution

Emily acts in all forms of commercial disputes both as sole counsel and as junior counsel. She has experience in dealing with a range of disputes from small contractual disputes involving SME businesses, through to high value international disputes in the English courts and in international arbitrations. Emily has experience of interim applications including freezing injunctions and Norwich Pharmacal applications. Emily has experience of working in the Middle East and speaks fluent French and conversational Arabic and Spanish.

Whilst seconded to Baker McKenzie Habib Al Mulla in Dubai, Emily worked on a number of arbitrations, including DIFC-LCIA and DIAC arbitrations across a range of subject matters including banking, intellectual property and general commercial disputes. Emily also has experience of DFSA regulatory matters (including advisory and compliance) and DIFC hearings

Current and Recent Work

FimBank PLC v Farlin Energy and Commodities Fze [CFI/075/2018] (DIFC Courts) Acted as sole counsel for the successful claimant bank in its \$20m contractual debt claim in the DIFC.

Instructed on behalf of the defendant in a DIFC-LCIA intellectual property dispute, led by Isabel Jamal (8 New Square) and Stephen Houseman QC (Essex Court Chambers).

Instructed as part of a team of junior counsel on behalf of the claimants in an UNCITRAL arbitration concerning claims of over US\$150m relating to a joint venture for the production and marketing of base oil products.

Successfully obtaining a worldwide freezing injunction against 'Persons Unknown' arising out of a 'push-payment' fraud (led by Stuart Benzie).

Successfully obtaining several Norwich Pharmacal orders (led by Stuart Benzie).

Acting for the successful claimant in a multi-million dollar shipping arbitration under the rules of the LMAA (led by Stuart Benzie).

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Instructed as part of a team of junior counsel in the preparation of an international commercial arbitration concerning a joint venture agreement with a value of c. \$200 million.

Instructed as part of a team of junior counsel in *Breyer v Department for Energy and Climate Change*, a claim for damages in excess of £170 million in respect of the Government's proposed retrospective changes to the feed-in tariffs scheme for solar photovoltaic installations.

Working as part of a 2TG team acting for West Ham United Football Club in a high profile and complex contractual dispute with a stadium operating company.

Advising a foreign company on applicable law and merits of a breach of contract claim, with a value of c. \$700,000.

Property Damage

Emily has experience of cases involving floods, fires, defective design and subsidence. Emily has experience of cases requiring complex expert evidence. Emily is also familiar with claims involving multiple parties and the resulting issues as to competing causation and claims for contribution and/or indemnity (contractual or otherwise).

Current and Recent Work

Instructed on behalf of multi national electrical component manufacturer in multi party fire claim in a Boots shop, in excess of £11m (led by James Medd, Crown Office Chambers)

Claim resulting from escape of oil from boilers onto C's property. This case also raised company law issues in relation to the corporate entities bringing the claim.

Multiple claims in negligence, nuisance and breach of contract, arising from allegedly negligent installation of appliances.

A claim for contribution in respect of damage caused to a power cable during excavation works.

Numerous claims against insurers for diminution in value caused to chattels.

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Product Liability

Emily has a strong interest in product liability claims and has experience of such claims with a foreign element. Emily is a native English and French speaker, and is noted for her ability to work seamlessly between the two languages. Emily is well suited to claims involving French-language elements.

Current and Recent Work

Instructed on behalf of insured manufacturer of electrical components in a multi-million pound claim arising out of a fire.

Instructed as part of a team of junior counsel in *ES & Ors v Groupama Méditerranée*, a fatal accident claim, arising from an allegedly defective tyre (led by Charles Dougherty QC).

Professional Negligence

Emily has developed a busy professional negligence practice, with particular experience in solicitors' negligence.

Recent experience includes acting for the defendant in a claim brought by a football club, regarding allegedly negligent mishandling of litigation.

Insurance & Reinsurance

Emily regularly acts in litigation arising from insurance claims, and is experienced in dealing with complex points of policy interpretation which arise in coverage disputes. She has a particular interest in fraudulent claims, and is frequently instructed in claims in which policyholders are suspected of dishonesty.

Personal Injury

Emily regularly acts in litigation arising from personal injury claims. She has a particular interest in fraudulent claims, and is frequently instructed in claims in which parties are suspected of dishonesty.

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Private International Law

Emily has a strong interest in cases involving conflict of laws/jurisdiction disputes, tying in with her experience as Judicial Assistant at the Court of Justice of the European Union. Emily has experience of working in the Middle East and speaks fluent French and conversational Arabic and Spanish.

Recent experience as sole counsel includes advising a foreign company on applicable law and merits of a breach of contract claim, with a value of c. \$700,000.

Sport

Emily's practice includes acting for clubs and individual athletes in a range of contractual and personal injury disputes. Emily assisted the 2TG team that acted for West Ham in a high profile and complex contractual dispute with a stadium operating company; she is familiar with the legal and regulatory framework that applies to professional football.

Emily has also acted in personal injury claims in both football and motorsport and acts for both claimants and defendants in such cases. Emily also assisted in a rare private prosecution that was brought by a cyclist following the refusal of the police and the CPS to pursue the matter.

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