

Emily Albou

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Emily Albou has significant experience in a broad range of commercial disputes, both litigation and arbitration, in the UK and overseas with a particular focus on the Middle East and French language claims.

Emily's international practice is mainly focussed on the Middle East, following a period of secondment at Baker McKenzie Habib Al Mulla in Dubai where she worked in the Banking & Finance and International Arbitration teams. She has rights of audience to appear before the DIFC courts and remains a regular visitor to the Gulf Region to see clients and to attend, and speak at, legal and industry conferences.

Her areas of interest include international arbitration and litigation on subjects including banking, fraud, IP/IT, construction, travel, sport and insurance. This includes day-to-day court appearances as sole counsel in the High Court and County Court in all levels of claims and applications including interim application matters.

In 2021, Emily was seconded to White & Case LLP in London, where she worked in the International Arbitration and General Commercial Litigation teams.

As a native English and French speaker, Emily is noted for her ability to work seamlessly between the two languages and is therefore ideally placed to assist in claims involving French-language elements. She also speaks conversational Spanish and Arabic. Prior to joining 2TG, she 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.

Expertise

Commercial Dispute Resolution

Emily has substantial experience in international commercial disputes and arbitrations, including UNCITRAL, LMAA, DIFC-LCIA and DIAC arbitrations, on subject matters ranging from banking and fraud to IP/IT and construction. Emily also has experience of DFSA regulatory matters (including advisory and compliance) and DIFC hearings. Emily has particular experience of interim applications including freezing injunctions and Norwich Pharmacal applications.

Notable Commercial Dispute Resolution cases

Clearlake Chartering USA Inc v Petroleo Brasileiro SA

Working on the litigation as part of the team acting for Petrobras in a dispute arising under letters of indemnity for discharge of cargo without production of original bills of lading, as part of her secondment to White & Case LLP in 2021.

FimBank PLC v Farlin Energy & Commodities Fze [CFI/075/2018]

Acting as sole counsel for the successful claimant in its USD 20 million contractual debt claim against the defendant, appearing before H.E. Justice Ali Al Madhani in the DIFC.

Dame Linda Dobbs Review

Acting as junior counsel to the review, considering whether issues relating to HBOS Reading were investigated and appropriately reported to authorities following Lloyd Banking Group's acquisition of HBOS.

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).

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

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.

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.

Breyer v Department for Energy & Climate Change

Instructed as part of a team of junior counsel, 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.

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

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

Instructed on behalf of a French university in a jurisdiction challenge and breach of contract/education dispute (claim brought by a PHD student).

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 built a strong practice in high value property damage disputes and those with complex issues, with a particular interest in issues of causation, contribution/indemnity, expert evidence and multi-party disputes. She has experience across a range of subject matters including floods, fires, defective design and subsidence.

Notable Property Damage cases

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

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

Instructed on multiple claims in negligence, nuisance and breach of contract, arising from the allegedly negligent installation of appliances including claims for contribution/indemnity.

Sport

Emily is an experienced sports law practitioner, acting for clubs and individual athletes in a range of contractual and personal injury disputes.

In respect of personal injury, she has an excellent record of dealing with skiing accident claims, particularly those with a French language element and claims in both football, for Premier League Clubs, and motorsport. She acts for both claimants and defendants in such cases.

Notable Sport cases

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.

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.

Product Liability

Emily has expertise in product liability claims and has experience of such claims with a foreign element. As a native English and French speaker, she is regularly instructed in claims involving French-language elements.

Notable Product Liability cases

ES & Ors v Groupama Méditerranée

Instructed as part of a team of junior counsel in a fatal accident claim, arising from an allegedly defective tyre (led by Charles Dougherty QC).

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

Professional Negligence

Emily has significant expertise in professional negligence disputes, with particular experience in solicitors' negligence claims and those arising in the sports industry.

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

Insurance

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.

Private International Law

Emily has expertise 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.

Recent experience as sole counsel includes acting for a French university in a jurisdiction challenge and breach of contract/education dispute (claim brought by a PHD student), and advising a foreign company on applicable law and merits of a breach of contract claim, with a value of c. \$700,000.

Articles

[On Shaky Ground: the Robin Rigg case](#) (Planning & Building Control Today, 29/11/17;
UK Construction Excellence, 31/10/17;
[Lawyer Monthly](#), 17/10/2017;
[2TG Property Damage Blog](#) 06.08.2017

Awards

- The Hon. Sir Peter Bristow Scholarship, Middle Temple
- Jules Thorn (Major) Scholarship, Middle Temple
- First Place, Midlands Regional Moot
- Nottingham Advantage Award, University of Nottingham
- First in year in Arabic, University of Nottingham
- Runner-up, Second and Final Year Law Moot, University of Nottingham

Education

- BPTC, City Law School, London
- LLB (Hons) in Law, University of Nottingham

Languages

- French (native)
- Spanish
- Arabic (conversational)

Memberships

- COMBAR
- PIBA
- PNBA
- LCLCBA
- LawInSport
- Franco-British Lawyers Society