

Emma Dearnaley

Senior Associate

London

Biography

As a senior associate in our London office, Emma's practice covers a wide range of commercial disputes with a specialism in international, complex and high value investigations and claims, often relating to fraud. In advising her clients on fraud-related disputes, Emma has asset tracing and recovery at the forefront of her mind.

Prior to returning to the London office in 2016, Emma spent over two years in our Hong Kong office where she qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong. Emma's experience of working with clients on disputes throughout Asia has added to her notable experience of dealing with Russian/CIS disputes. Emma's multi-jurisdictional practice has also given her experience of litigating offshore, including in Cyprus, BVI and Cayman.

Emma's determined and resourceful approach to litigation is reflected in the results she has achieved for her clients. Emma has particular experience of deploying interim orders (such as freezing, search, receivership, committal and disclosure orders), including several novel applications which pushed the boundaries of the existing law. Emma has also advised on all stages of the dispute resolution process, including trials and settlement negotiations.



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Languages

English

Practices

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Litigation Services

Commercial Litigation

Areas of focus

Bribery and Corruption

Insolvency Litigation

Emma also brings a unique perspective gained from her previous employment as a lawyer at the National Crime Agency, where she managed investigations and claims brought under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and developed relationships at law enforcement organisations in the UK and internationally. Today, Emma helps her clients to navigate proceeds of crime issues.

Representative experience

Advising BTA Bank of Kazakhstan on its US\$6 billion fraud claims against Mukhtar Ablyazov and other former officers.

Advising the Provisional Liquidators and Liquidators of China Metal Recycling (Holdings) Limited on a multi-billion HK\$ claim and winding-up proceedings in Hong Kong.

Advising on a shareholder dispute between three Ukrainian businessmen involving claims amounting to over US\$1 billion.

Regular involvement in pro bono work, including acting for the Royal British Legion, assisting with claims to CICA and working on anti-human trafficking initiatives.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Anti-money Laundering

Government Investigations

Education and admissions

Education

B.A. (Jurisprudence), University of Oxford, Magdalen College

L.P.C., BPP University Law School

Memberships

British Ukrainian Law Association

The Law Society of England and Wales

The Law Society of Hong Kong

Women in Law London WILL

Fraud Women's Network

Proceeds of Crime Lawyers' Association

Court admissions

England and Wales

Hong Kong
