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Sarah Ellington has over ten years' experience resolving disputes using both formal and informal mechanisms for governments, governmental agencies and international organizations, as well as multinational corporations. Sarah works with clients and colleagues across the globe, in particular Africa and the Middle East. She also advise clients across a number of sectors on risk management and governance issues associated with the developing business and human rights agenda, including emerging regulatory and "soft" law standards.

Sarah has experience in a number of industry sectors, with a focus on technology and telecoms, and renewables. She has obtained anti-suit injunctions against foreign proceedings, and used the English court's wide-ranging civil powers to obtain third party disclosure and gagging orders and world-wide freezing injunctions. She has lead teams of lawyers and experts to resolve large and complex multi-jurisdiction litigation and arbitration, often working to digest large amounts of evidence within tight deadlines. She has obtained refreshed judgments from the English court to aid in international enforcement.

Sarah leads the UK activities of DLA Piper's award winning Leadership Alliance for Women, and also sit on the committee for DLA Piper's What In-House Lawyers Need Future Legal Leaders Initiative, giving those working their way up the career ladder the skills and networking opportunities to thrive.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Spanish

EXPERIENCE

- Obtaining an order striking out group claims brought on the basis of parent company liability at the jurisdictional stage. The order was upheld by the Court of Appeal.
- Advising in relation to the management of a long term outsourcing contract involving IT and process transformation.

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

RELATED SITES

- WIN: What In-house Lawyers Need

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English Spanish

- Acting for an international Telecoms company in relation to a significant breach of warranty / fraudulent misrepresentation dispute following a £6 billion acquisition of a European telecoms company. The mandate included conducting allegations into the suspected fraud, advising on the available civil and criminal remedies on a multi-jurisdictional basis, and advising on corporate strategy.
- Acting for the holding company of a Georgian wholesale and retail internet service provider in relation to a shareholder dispute.
- Advising on the termination of a licensing agreement relating to software for the monitoring of and charging for use of mobile calling and data in Kuwait.
- Acting for a developer, owner, manufacturer, distributor and publisher of software technologies in a US\$ 220 million dollar dispute relating to the licensing and support of new technology for video and web content traffic optimisation over mobile telecommunications networks.
- Representing an Indian national accused of fraudulent misrepresentation in parallel proceedings in a Singapore seated Arbitration and litigation before the Isle of Man Courts. Including obtaining orders for the giving of evidence in support of arbitration from the English, Singaporean and Indian courts.
- Acting for a manufacturer of avionics components in an English High Court claim relating to a fire on an aircraft involving five parties. The claim involved issues of Washington, Canadian, Arizona, New York and Ethiopian law, and permission given for the parties to rely on experts in a further five disciplines. The case involved review of over 70,000 documents for the purposes of disclosure, and resulted in disclosure of over 30,000 documents by the five parties to the litigation.
- Acting for a manufacturer of solar panels in a contractual dispute, leading to the termination of the contract for repudiatory breach (including allegations of faulty goods and/or non-delivery) under English law and LCIA rules.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- University of Leeds, BA History-Spanish (First Class Hons)

Memberships

- Arbitration ICT Club
- Society for Computers and Law
- Tech London Advocates
- Women in Technology and Telecoms
- Young International Arbitration Group
- Young ICC
- Fraud Women's Network

INSIGHTS

Publications

The Vedanta decision and Eu law: a post-brexite outlook on parent company liability

25 APR 2019

On 10 April 2019, the UK Supreme Court handed down judgment in the case of *Vedanta Resources PLC and another v Lungowe and others* [2019] UKSC 20 (Vedanta).

Supreme Court rules Vedanta case on parent company liability for actions of overseas subsidiary can proceed to trial

11 APR 2019

The Supreme Court handed down on 10 April 2019 its much anticipated judgment in *Vedanta Resources PLC and another (Defendants/Appellants) v Lungowe and others (Claimants/Respondents)* [2019] UKSC 20 ("**Vedanta**"). The Supreme Court upheld the decisions of the Technology and Construction Court and the Court of Appeal that:

Supply chain human rights risk management: Blockchain and emerging technology

8 NOV 2018

Global businesses, financiers and investors are faced with an increasingly complex and interconnected legal, financial and reputation risk agenda related to human rights and other responsible business conduct issues.

The role of mediation in business and human rights disputes

20 DEC 2017

The United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights brings together business, governments, civil society and the legal profession to develop thinking and share best practice in this emerging area of law and practice. At the 6th Annual Forum, DLA Piper lawyers Sarah Ellington and Jess Hogan were joined by representatives from Anti-Slavery International, Doughty Street Chambers, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and Sanicroft International to present a live mediation role play. The role play was intended to explore the potential for mediation to resolve business and human rights disputes, particularly in cross-border cases.

12 months' imprisonment for breach of disclosure order

22 JUN 2017

On 17 May 2017, the English Court handed down a 12 month prison sentence against an individual, Mrs Sandhu, for repeated breach of a disclosure order in *Kimyani v Sandhu* [2017] EWHC 1302 (Ch).

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