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Sophie is a Legal Director in the Aviation Team, specialising in (inter)national commercial litigation and arbitration and pre-action assistance in the aftermath of air accidents and product liability issues. Her clients include aircraft manufacturers, insurers, airlines, ground handling companies and airports.

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- Advising a helicopter manufacturer and its insurers in respect of world-wide losses claimed as a result of a product defect and resultant grounding of the aircraft type
 - Acting for US aircraft part manufacturer in respect of a multi-party, cross-border product liability dispute
 - Acting for an aircraft manufacturer and its insurers in respect of product liability claim following a heavy landing at an Italian airport
 - Acting for a ground handling company in respect of disputes, indemnity issues and breach of representations arising from an acquisition of a competitor ground handler
 - Acting for an airline and its insurers in respect of a collision with an aircraft at a Turkish airport
 - Acting for an aircraft manufacturer in respect of a helicopter accident in Glasgow and subsequent Fatal Accident Inquiry
 - Acting for an airline and its insurers in an arbitration concerning the sea-based loss of a passenger aircraft
 - Acting for a UK helicopter operator in respect of expanding its business into the Persian Gulf
 - Advising an airport management authority in respect of unpaid service charges from a long-term parked aircraft
 - Acting for an UAE airline in respect of their passenger personal injury, property damage and delay claims under EU Regulation 261/2004 and the Montreal Convention 1999

Education

- Oxford Institute of Legal Practice, Legal Practice Course (Distinction), 2008
- Cardiff University, LLB Law & Criminology (2.1), 2007

Publications

The impact of the European Commission's Fit for 55 legislative package on Aviation

23 July 2021

The devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the aviation industry will reset the trajectory of the sector for many years to come. With the COVID-19 pandemic, sustainability is emerging from the ashes as the building blocks on which the entire sector will be rebuilt, from investors, operators, manufacturers and the vast supply chain that supports the sector.

English High Court agrees to consider allegation of bias by Russian court when deciding whether to recognise and enforce decision against non-Russian reinsurers arising out of 2012 Sukhoi Superjet crash

20 October 2020

The High Court of England and Wales has ordered a Russian insurer to disclose its communications with its insured aircraft manufacturer, after a previous letter from the manufacturer to a Moscow Court assisted in diverting responsibility for a USD 22 million fatal accident to the manufacturer's reinsurers.

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