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Silvia has a varied dispute resolution background and has acted for numerous multinational companies both on international arbitrations and in cross-border litigations. Silvia has acted for clients operating in a wide variety of sectors, including financial services, leisure and travel, electricity, mining and retail.

Silvia has experience in investment and commercial disputes and is a qualified lawyer in both Spain and England and Wales. This dual qualification and her understanding of both the civil and Anglo-Saxon legal systems put Silvia in a privileged position when legal arguments are put forward and procedures are followed under either of the two legal systems.

### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Spanish
- Catalan

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

- Financial Services
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail

English Spanish Catalan

- Advising a major international bank in setting aside a US\$50 million damages claim in respect of 170 foreign exchange trades carried out by the Claimant, in both the English High Court and Court of Appeal, principally on the basis of article 23 of Council Regulation (EC) 44/2001 and advised the bank in respect of the proceedings commenced by the Claimant's heirs in Monaco in respect of the same matter.
- Advising a major international bank in staying legal proceedings in the English High Court whilst parallel proceedings are pending in Monaco. Silvia led the application to stay proceedings in England and the liaison with local counsel in Monaco.
- Advising a major international bank in an ICC arbitration seated in Paris against its former joint venture partners (and their successors in title, including a sovereign state) in respect of an alleged indemnity payment of €75 million, triggered in the event that the annual revenue of one of the assets allocated to the bank did not reach certain thresholds and representing the bank in respect of related court proceedings commenced by the bank in Belgium respect of the same matter.
- Advising an international hospitality and services provider in respect of multi million dispute arising out of the alleged failure to

provide certain services relating to a central reservation system for hotel bookings and the fulfilment of technical specifications.

- Advising a tour operator in ICC arbitration proceedings in Spain in respect of a multi million euro dispute arising from the sale of various holdings in Spain and Latin America.
- Advising an American multinational chain of fast food restaurants in respect of a multi million euro dispute with one of its franchisees in Cyprus. The dispute arose out of the franchisee's multiple breaches of the relevant franchise agreements.
- Advising an energy major in ICC arbitration proceedings in London in respect of a multi million euro claim relating to the interpretation and application of an energy agreement in Spain.
- Advising a Spanish global IT solutions and information services provider in ICC arbitration proceedings in London in respect of a multi million euro dispute including issues relating to the exercise of a performance guarantee and arising out of an agreement with a Swedish company for the supply of transport related products for a project in Saudi Arabia.
- Advising a Japanese client on UK cyber security legislation and UK regulations on network systems.
- Advising various clients on several issues relating to class actions and competition litigation related matters including settlement.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

### Prior Experience

- 2011 to date, DLA Piper
- 2003 to 2011, London based international law firm

### Education

- University of Lleida, Law (*Cum Laude*)
- Leeds, Master Degree in European Legal Studies (Distinction)
- Nottingham Law School, Postgraduate Diploma in Law and Legal Practice Course

### Memberships

- Law Society of England and Wales
- Higher Rights of Audience (Civil and Criminal)
- Abogada in Spain

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### ICC updates its force majeure and hardship standard clauses

27 April 2020

In view of the current uncertainty created by COVID-19, the International Chamber of Commerce has recently updated its "off the shelf" force majeure and hardship clauses. This article explains the relief that these two clauses offer and the main changes that the ICC has introduced in its standard clauses.

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#### English and French law perspectives on which law applies to the arbitration agreement - Analysis following the

## English Court of Appeal decision in *Kabab-Ji v Kout*

7 April 2020

The English Court of Appeal's (the Court of Appeal) recent decision in *Kabab-Ji v Kout* confirms that when the parties have chosen a governing law which is said to apply to the entire or all of the terms of their contract, that governing law will apply to the arbitration agreement where the arbitration agreement does not include a separate governing law provision.

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## English courts release latest statistics on arbitration related applications

7 April 2020

On 27 February 2020, the English Commercial Court (the Court) published its annual report for 2018-2019 (the Report). The Report confirms that despite the relatively high number of arbitration related applications handled by the Court, the Court rarely allows challenges to arbitral awards. The statistics reinforce the view that England remains an arbitration friendly jurisdiction and that the Court is reluctant to interfere in the arbitral process.

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## What has the English Commercial Court been dealing with in 2018-2019?

16 March 2020

On 27 February 2020, the English Commercial Court published the Commercial Court Report 2018-2019.

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- The ICC modifies its Note on the Conduct of Arbitration under the ICC Rules, Latin America Alert, 7 October 2016
- ICC Court to provide reasoned decisions, DLA Piper's International Arbitration Newsletter, December 2015

## Events

- Speaker at the launch of Pro Bono Connect (a Pro Bono collaboration between barristers and solicitors) during the National Pro Bono Week 2016