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Sarah Pearson-Baird is a Senior Associate in the Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations Group at DLA Piper and is based in Dubai. Sarah advises clients on complex, multi-jurisdictional disputes, as well as on fraud, compliance and investigation matters.

English

Sarah has experience in the UK, Hong Kong and the Middle East. She advises clients in a range of sectors including information technology, pharmaceutical, construction and finance.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Representing a consortium of financial institutions in relation to a potential fraud and embezzlement on a number of trade finance transactions. The estimated exposure is \$530 million, and may involve litigation in Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Germany and the United States
- Advising a shareholder on potential actions in respect of a financial institution's potentially unlawful disposal of shares
- Providing strategic commercial advice to a manufacturing company in respect of the termination of its offtake and supply agreements
- Defending an oilfield services company in ICC arbitration proceedings
- *Advising one of Russia's largest privately-owned banks on the recovery of sums due under personal guarantees to loan agreements with a Russian oligarch. The case, heard in the English High Court, involved a \$500 million counterclaim

FRAUD, COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATIONS

- Conducting an internal investigation and further due diligence for a service provider in respect of allegations of bribery and corruption in Russia
- Advising an information and communications technology company in its investigation of allegations of related party transactions,

overcharging and bribery in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- Advising a global biopharmaceutical company in an internal investigation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia concerning widespread allegations of bribery, overstocking and breach of corporate policies
- Advising a Middle Eastern bank in relation to fraud, misappropriation of assets and asset recovery matters in the sum of US\$175 million
- Advising a global provider of consumer products in respect of integrity and compliance issues

*Denotes experience prior to joining DLA Piper

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Education

- University of Durham, Bachelor of Laws (LLB), First Class Honours
- BPP University, Legal Practice Course

Memberships

- Law Society of England and Wales.
- Secretary of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' UAE Branch Committee.