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SECTORS: Energy, Mining and Commodities, Maritime, Containers and Logistics, Commercial Shipping

SERVICES: Dispute Resolution, International Arbitration, Maritime Dispute Resolution

BIO

CHRISTINA IS A SENIOR ASSOCIATE IN THE FIRM'S DISPUTE RESOLUTION GROUP.

Christina specialises in international arbitration and litigation, with a primary focus on commodity trade disputes, dry shipping disputes and bills of lading disputes, as well as structured commodity trade finance and insurance claims. Christina has assisted a wide range of clients, including commodity trading houses, mining majors, oil supermajors, trade financiers, trade finance insurers, brokers, ship owners, charterers and P&I clubs in obtaining favourable outcomes in a number of complex multi-jurisdictional matters, including in arbitrations subject to the rules of the ICC, SIAC, SCMA, LMAA and HKIAC, with damages up to US\$1.4bn.

Christina also has significant experience with corporate/commercial and contracts work, including the drafting and negotiation of international trade contracts, charterparties, COAs, LOIs, trade finance documentation, as well as other miscellaneous legal documents.

Christina actively supports initiatives promoting equality in the legal, maritime and commodities sectors and is a committee member of Women In Mining And Resources, Singapore.

Christina is qualified in England and Wales.

EXPERIENCE

WATSON FARLEY & WILLIAMS

Acting for commodity traders in a US\$1.4bn claim against an asset manager in relation to its failure to utilise trust assets to purchase receivables as contractually bound under eleven receivable purchase agreements; successfully obtaining an HKIAC Emergency Award requiring the lender to resume performance of its obligations.

Successfully obtaining summary judgment for a commodity trader in a claim for US\$10m against an underwriter in relation to its failure to make payment under a performance bond.

Acting for the owners of a highly specialised subsea operation vessel in a SCMA arbitration against the charterers for the wrongful termination of a six-year charterparty. Successfully obtaining an award in the sum of US\$26.8m.

Assisting the trading arm of a State-owned metal and mineral mining company under a monthly retainer, entailing the provision of advice on a broad range of commodities, shipping and commodity trade finance issues as and when they arise, on a daily basis. This includes contract review and amendment, drafting of trading contracts and allied documents, managing early-interventions in commodity and shipping disputes and providing legal advice.

Assisting a miner under a monthly retainer in relation to a range of discrete legal issues as and when they arise. These have recently included providing advice on, and thereafter initiating or defending various shipping and commodity claims involving demurrage, speed and consumption, hull-fouling, unsafe ports and force majeure, amongst others.

EDUCATION

2013: The University of Law (Bloomsbury)

2010: The College of Law (Guildford)

2009: The University of Kent

2006: Aylesbury High School

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

INSIGHTS

ARTICLE

FALSE REPRESENTATIONS IN LETTERS OF CREDIT: KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN SINGAPORE

www.wfw.com/articles/false-representations-in-letters-of-credit-key-developments-in-singapore/

ARTICLE

THUMBS UP FOR EMOJIS – THE CAUTIONARY CASE OF SOUTH WEST TERMINAL LTD V ACHTER LAND AND CATTLE LTD

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