

## WFW PARTNER SARAH ELLINGTON ACHIEVES CMC REGISTERED MEDIATOR STATUS

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**Watson Farley & Williams (“WFW”) is pleased to announce that Dispute Resolution and ESG Partner Sarah Ellington has achieved CMC Registered Mediator status from the CMC (the Civil Mediation Council). A mediator’s CMC registered status guarantees that they will have undertaken an approved training, follow a professional code of conduct and are committed to continued professional development.**

Sarah has been resolving disputes for multinational corporations, governments and government agencies using both formal and informal mechanisms for over 15 years. She is one of few UK practitioners with experience across the spectrum of ESG disputes, including court proceedings and complaints under OECD and UN processes as well as crisis management and risk mitigation.

The CMC is the largest registering organisation for mediation in England and Wales and many of the country’s top mediators are CMC members. As a registered charity, it aims to promote conflict and dispute resolution by encouraging the use of mediation and other dispute resolution techniques and methods. Its registered mediators help those in dispute to communicate their issues of concern and find solutions that are acceptable to all involved.

Sarah commented: “I am delighted to have achieved my CMC Registered Mediator status. The importance of mediation as a form of alternative dispute resolution cannot be stressed enough. It is often the first time parties have an opportunity to fully examine the drivers of their case and what they really require from a resolution, in a safe and confidential forum. I am looking forward to using my knowledge and experience, particularly in the field of ESG (including business and human rights), to support parties in achieving meaningful settlements, including resolutions which are simply not available through other processes”.

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