

WFW ENHANCES LONDON MARITIME DISPUTES PRACTICE WITH NEW PARTNER HIRE

25 MARCH 2024 • PRESS



Watson Farley & Williams (“WFW”) is pleased to announce that maritime disputes expert Nikki Chu has joined the firm as a Partner in London. She was previously a Managing Associate in the Marine and International Trade group at Stephenson Harwood.

Nikki has over 11 years’ experience as a disputes lawyer in the maritime and international trade sectors. She specialises in dry shipping, including charterparty, bill of lading, cargo and shipbuilding disputes and advises clients on LNG shipping issues. Nikki has also advised on commercial disputes including injunctive relief and issues arising from ship finance contracts. She has worked on cases involving major incidents such as container stack collapses and fires. On the non-contentious side, she advises on the drafting and negotiation of shipping contracts (including LNG charterparties).

She has acted for a wide range of client including owners, charterers, P&I Clubs, insurers, traders, cargo interests and maritime investment companies. She adopts a practical and commercial approach to ensure that disputes are resolved efficiently. Having spent a year at an International Group P&I Club in London, she is well-experienced in dealing with FD&D and P&I matters, often with a real-time element.

London Dispute Resolution Co-Head [Rob Fidoe](#) commented: “I am delighted to welcome Nikki to WFW. Her expertise in marine disputes and LNG shipping is invaluable and contributes greatly to our growing maritime disputes practice”.

Nikki added: “I am thrilled to be joining WFW whose reputation in the maritime sector is globally renowned and WFW are experts in the LNG market. This is the perfect firm for me to service my clients and to reach out to new contacts as WFW represents many of the biggest names in the shipping industry. I am looking forward to working with old and new colleagues in London and contributing to WFW’s growing reputation in maritime disputes”.

RELATED CONTACTS



NIKKI CHU
PARTNER • LONDON

T: +44 2033 146 309
M: +44 7713 392531

nchu@wfw.com



ROBERT FIDOE
PARTNER • LONDON

T: +44 20 7863 8919

rfidoe@wfw.com

MEDIA ENQUIRIES



WILL SALOMONE

T: +44 20 3036 9847

media@wfw.com

DISCLAIMER

Watson Farley & Williams is a sector specialist international law firm with a focus on the energy, infrastructure and transport sectors. With offices in Athens, Bangkok, Dubai, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hanoi, Hong Kong, London, Madrid, Milan, Munich, New York, Paris, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney and Tokyo our 700+ lawyers work as integrated teams to provide practical, commercially focussed advice to our clients around the world.

All references to 'Watson Farley & Williams', 'WFW' and 'the firm' in this document mean Watson Farley & Williams LLP and/or its affiliated entities. Any reference to a 'partner' means a member of Watson Farley & Williams LLP, or a member, partner, employee or consultant with equivalent standing and qualification in WFW Affiliated Entities. A list of members of Watson Farley & Williams LLP and their professional qualifications is open to inspection on request.

Watson Farley & Williams LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales with registered number OC312252. It is authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and its members are solicitors or registered foreign lawyers.

The information provided in this publication (the "Information") is for general and illustrative purposes only and it is not intended to provide advice whether that advice is financial, legal, accounting, tax or any other type of advice, and should not be relied upon in that regard. While every reasonable effort is made to ensure that the Information provided is accurate at the time of publication, no representation or warranty, express or implied, is made as to the accuracy, timeliness, completeness, validity or currency of the Information and WFW assume no responsibility to you or any third party for the consequences of any errors or omissions. To the maximum extent permitted by law, WFW shall not be liable for indirect or consequential loss or damage, including without limitation any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any use of this publication or the Information.

This publication constitutes attorney advertising.