



## CHARLOTTE BIJLANI

PARTNER • DUBAI

T: +971 4 278 2308

✉ [cbijlani@wfw.com](mailto:cbijlani@wfw.com)

in <https://ae.linkedin.com/in/charlotte-bijlani-20135128>

**SECTORS:** Energy, Aviation, Mining and Commodities, Cruise, Oil and Gas, Maritime, Containers and Logistics, Corporate Jets, Power, Transport, LNG and Offshore, Helicopters, Commercial Shipping, Airlines, Ports and Terminals

**SERVICES:** Aviation Dispute Resolution, Construction, Hotels and Hospitality, Energy Dispute Resolution, Corporate and M&A, Infrastructure Dispute Resolution, Investor-State Arbitration, Dispute Resolution, International Arbitration, Employment, Maritime Dispute Resolution, Public International Law, Real Estate, Restructuring and Insolvency

## BIO

### CHARLOTTE IS HEAD OF THE DUBAI OFFICE AND THE MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM.

Charlotte specialises in complex international arbitration and commercial litigation across all of our sector areas including aviation, energy, infrastructure and maritime. She has full rights of audience before both the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) courts and the higher courts of England and Wales.

As part of her practice, Charlotte also regularly assists clients in relation to mediation, expert determinations and managing dispute risk and avoidance. She also has extensive expertise in data protection laws and regulations.

Charlotte regularly sits as an arbitrator (sole, co-arbitrator and Chair) in ad hoc, ICC, LCIA and DIFC-LCIA arbitrations.

She is recognised as a leading dispute resolution and international arbitration lawyer in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by legal directories Legal 500 EMEA and Chambers Global. In 2022, Legal 500 said that she is “*a star of the commercial disputes scene in Dubai and the UAE*” and Chambers Global described her as an “*outstanding lawyer*”.

## EXPERIENCE

Acting for a leading aircraft lessor in connection with the successful repossession of a passenger aircraft in the UAE.

# WATSON FARLEY & WILLIAMS

Acting for a leading contractor in relation to a complex construction dispute in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

---

Acting for a major shipping carrier in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in connection with a complex joint venture dispute.

---

Advising a major corporate in relation to data protection laws and cybercrime on a global basis.

---

Advising a leading oil and gas service provider in connection with ICC arbitration proceedings in connection with disputes arising from delays to the construction of the Barakah nuclear energy project in Abu Dhabi.

---

## EDUCATION

1996 – 1997 · College of Law, London – Legal Practice Course

1993 – 1996 · City University – Business Law LLB (Hons), 2:1

## MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

Solicitor, qualified in England and Wales

Solicitors' Association of Higher Court Advocates

Registered in DIFC courts Register of Legal Practitioners with full rights of audience

Appointed to the Committee of the Society of Construction Law (Gulf)

LCIA Arab Users' Council

## INSIGHTS

### ARTICLE

#### ENGLISH COURTS TO HEAR LESSOR CLAIMS AGAINST AIRCRAFT REINSURERS DESPITE RUSSIAN JURISDICTION CLAUSE

[www.wfw.com/articles/english-courts-to-hear-lessor-claims-against-aircraft-reinsurers-despite-russian-jurisdiction-clause/](http://www.wfw.com/articles/english-courts-to-hear-lessor-claims-against-aircraft-reinsurers-despite-russian-jurisdiction-clause/)

---

### PRESS

#### WFW WELCOMES FOUR NEW PARTNERS IN DUBAI

[www.wfw.com/press/wfw-welcomes-four-new-partners-in-dubai/](http://www.wfw.com/press/wfw-welcomes-four-new-partners-in-dubai/)

---

### EVENT

#### VICTORY IN CONFLICT – STRATEGIES AND TACTICS FOR ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN COMPLEX DISPUTES

[www.wfw.com/events/victory-in-conflict-achieving-success-in-complex-disputes/](http://www.wfw.com/events/victory-in-conflict-achieving-success-in-complex-disputes/)

---

## ARTICLE

### AIRCRAFT REPOSSESSION – TIPS FOR LESSORS AND FINANCIERS

[www.wfw.com/articles/aircraft-repossession-tips-for-lessors-and-financiers/](http://www.wfw.com/articles/aircraft-repossession-tips-for-lessors-and-financiers/)

---

## ARTICLE

### NEW UAE MARITIME LAW – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

[www.wfw.com/articles/new-uae-maritime-law-what-you-need-to-know/](http://www.wfw.com/articles/new-uae-maritime-law-what-you-need-to-know/)

---