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Scope of Practice

• Agency • Arbitration • Banking and Financial Services • Civil Fraud and Investigations • Commodity Trading • Company and Insolvency • Economic Torts • Energy and Natural Resources • Injunctions • Insurance and Reinsurance • Sale of Goods and Supply of Goods and Services • Restitution • Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws • Financial Regulation

Overview

Eleanor has a broad practice in commercial litigation and arbitration. She has been instructed on a range of high profile trials in the High Court, and has acted as sole counsel in numerous arbitrations and High Court claims. Eleanor's core practice areas include civil fraud, energy, and contract disputes in a broad range of contexts. She also acts in disciplinary proceedings before the Regulatory Decisions Committee of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Upper Tribunal.

Eleanor has acted in proceedings before the Royal Court of Guernsey, the High Court of Justice of the Isle of Man, and the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, BVI.

Eleanor has been called to the bar of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, BVI.

Examples of Recent Cases

Arbitration

Eleanor Campbell has wide experience in both domestic and international disputes, governed under a variety of rules, including (but not limited to) the ICC, LCIA, SIAC and UNCITRAL, and has appeared in numerous multi-day arbitrations as sole advocate. Eleanor has been instructed in relation to expedited arbitrations, and applications to emergency arbitrators. Eleanor has experience of a variety of Arbitration Claims before the Commercial Court both at the pre-arbitration stage including urgent injunctive relief, and challenges to awards. Eleanor also has experience of applications to stay court proceedings in favour of arbitration.

- ICC Proceedings
  Acted for the Respondent to a claim for €8 million alleged to be due pursuant to the terms of a share purchase agreement, culminating in a three-day arbitration hearing.

- **ICC Proceedings and High Court proceedings**
  Acting for the claimant in an ICC arbitration, and the defendant to competing claims in the High Court. Obtained a stay of the High Court claims pending determination of jurisdiction and other issues in the arbitration: **Orange Transgroup Ltd v Shein Distribution UK Ltd [2025] 2 Lloyd's Rep 632.**
- **Application to emergency arbitrator under LCIA Rules**
  Acted with Michael Fealy KC on an application for urgent injunctive relief made to an emergency arbitrator in a dispute relating to the termination of the appointment of the CEO and founder of a business with annual revenues in excess of $20 billion.
- **Commercial Court claim arising from arbitration conducted under UNCITRAL Rules**
  Acted for the respondent to a s.68 challenge in the Commercial Court on its application for security for costs pursuant to s.70(6) of the Arbitration Act 1996.
- **Arbitration Claim in the Commercial Court**
  Acted with Michael Fealy KC for the respondents to an urgent injunction granted by the High Court pursuant to s.44 of the Arbitration Act 1996, in the context of a dispute between the members of an LLP.
- **ICC Proceedings**
  Acting for the additional party in ICC arbitration proceedings in which the claimant seeks interpleader relief, and where the substantive dispute in relation to the payment of commission is between the Respondent and the Additional Party.
- **ICC Proceedings**
  Acted with Alex Gunning KC, and a team of other barristers, on a heavy arbitration relating to a joint venture for the construction of infrastructure where the claim was valued at in excess of US$2.5 billion. The substantive hearing took place over six weeks.
- **LCIA Proceedings**
  Acted for the Respondent to a claim in relation to the exercise of rights under a put option agreement, requiring the Respondent to re-purchase shares which it had sold the Claimant for US$133 million.
- **ICC Proceedings and Commercial Court Proceedings**
  Acted for a Hong Kong based purchaser of steel (as sole counsel), in a commodities dispute culminating in a 3-day hearing against the Turkish manufacturer, for damages suffered as a consequence of failure to supply. Followed by Commercial Court proceedings (with Neil Kitchener KC) resisting claims under s.67 and 69 of the Arbitration Act 1996 (challenging the arbitrator's ruling as to his jurisdiction, and permission to appeal on points of law): **Habas Sinai Ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustrisi v VSC Steel Co Ltd [2014] 1 Lloyd's Rep 479**
- **ICC Proceedings**
  Acted for the Claimant foreign contractors in a dispute with the state-owned oil company of a North-African country, in relation to the calculation of their share of oil under a production sharing contract. The proceedings and all the documentation and evidence were in French.
- **ICC Proceedings and Commercial Court Proceedings**
  Acted for the Claimant as sole counsel in Commercial Court and arbitration proceedings for damages for wrongful termination of a consultancy agreement in relation to the negotiation and performance of an exploration and production sharing agreement, concluded with a regional government in Iraq. After a four-day arbitration hearing culminating in an award on jurisdiction, the Respondent's challenge to the arbitral award under s.67 of the Arbitration Act 1996 was dismissed by the Commercial Court (**Monde Petroleum SA v Westernzagros Ltd [2015] 1 Lloyds Rep 330**)
- **LCIA Proceedings**
  Acted for the Claimant airline as sole counsel, in a dispute with an airport under French law (culminating in a 2-day hearing). Eleanor was instructed by English and French solicitors.
- **LCIA Proceedings**
  Acted for the Claimant airline as sole counsel, in a dispute with an Italian airport (culminating in a 4-day hearing), which raised questions of EU state aid.
- **LCIA Proceedings**
  Acted as sole counsel for the Respondent, a large Hong Kong based textile business, in a dispute arising out of the purchase of a design and manufacturing business from the Claimant Turkish seller. The proceedings were disposed of on the hearing of a preliminary issue.
- **SIAC Proceedings**
  Acted for the Respondent (with Daniel Toledano KC) in a dispute over the grant of broadcasting rights for sport events.
- **LCIA Arbitration**

Acted for two of six Respondents to a claim for c.US$20 million alleged to be due under a facility agreement and suretyship deed.

- **Ad Hoc UNCITRAL Proceedings**
  Acted for the Claimant, Greek fuel and power company as sole counsel, in a dispute over the construction of a force majeure clause in a coal supply agreement, (culminating in a 5-day hearing)
- **Commercial Court Arbitration Claim**
  Acted for the Claimant, for an extension of time/directions for the appointment of an arbitrator.

Banking and Financial Services

Eleanor Campbell has acted in a variety of disputes in a banking and finance context including disputes in relation to the acceleration of payments due under loan notes, bonds or similar instruments, claims for restitution of payments made by mistake/without a proper basis, disputes between introducers and the recipients of finance, and claims arising out of fraud.

- **DMA Resources Ltd v Brazilian Nickel Ltd [2026] EWHC 833 (Ch)**
  Acted for the defendant owner of a nickel mine in Brazil, on a claim by an introducer for commission arising out of the alleged introduction of an investor to the project, culminating in a four-day trial in the Chancery Division.

- **Fir Tree Capital v SBB Treasury OYJ**
  Acted with Orlando Gledhill KC for the defendants to a claim for early redemption of notes arising out of an alleged breach of covenant. The value of notes issued and guaranteed by the defendants with a covenant in the same terms, was €4.3 billion.

- Acted, with Steven Elliott KC, in anticipated proceedings against five English banks, for restitution / reimbursement of alleged tax liabilities exceeding €500 million, arising out of securities lending transactions. Proceedings have been commenced in Germany, and are ongoing.

- **Firstsource Solutions UK Limited v Euro Fresh Produce Limited**
  Acting for the claimant in proceedings for restitution of an unjust enrichment and/or dishonest assistance and knowing receipt, arising out of a payment by a bank to the wrong customer by mistake.

- **Public Institution for Social Security v Al Rajaan & Ors**
  Acted with Camilla Bingham KC for the defendant bank in proceedings brought by a state pension scheme to recover alleged secret commissions paid to its agent, and which were estimated to exceed US$847.7 million in total.

- **LCIA Arbitration**
  For two of six Respondents to a claim for c.US$20 million alleged to be due under a facility agreement and suretyship deed.

- **Dorchester Project Management Ltd & Ors v. FREP 2 (Heyford Park) Ltd & Anr**
  For Frogmore, the private equity fund (with Lord Grabiner KC and Richard Gillis KC): proceedings arising in the context of a proposed exit from a major development project.

- **M&W High Tech Projects UK Ltd v Biffa Waste Services Ltd (2015) EWHC 949 (TCC)**
  For Biffa (with Jonathan Nash KC), on an application to set aside an injunction restraining Biffa from calling on a retention bond.

- **Lehman Brothers International (Europe) (In Admin) v. Lehman Brothers (Luxembourg) SA (In Liq)**
  For LBIE, with Laurence Rabinowitz KC, providing English law advice in support of insolvency proceedings in Luxembourg.

- **Gulf International Bank BSC**
  For the Bahraini bank (variously with Sa'ad Hossain and Orlando Gledhill), in a number of Commercial Court

proceedings concerning loan facilities and Shariah compliant finance agreements.

- Martin v. FIL Ltd & Ors
  For the Defendant provider of financial services (with David Wolfson KC), in proceedings before the Chancery Division for misrepresentation in relation to a private equity fund.

- Bayerische Hypo-und Vereinsbank AG v. Caja de Ahorros de Galicia
  For the issuing Spanish bank (with Mark Hapgood KC), in Commercial Court proceedings for an indemnity, brought by the bank pursuant to a letter of credit.

- Eleanor has advised (with Richard Morgan KC) in relation to potential proceedings in fraud and breach of contract between a high net worth individual and the UK bank of which he is a client.

- Eleanor has also acted (with Ben Strong KC) for the Financial Conduct Authority in three sets of disciplinary proceedings against individual traders alleged to have participated in LIBOR manipulation (including Hussein v FCA [2018] Lloyd's Rep F.C. 574). She has also acted for the FCA in separate proceedings in the Upper Tribunal.

Civil Fraud and Investigations

Eleanor has acted in numerous sets of complex proceedings concerning claims in fraud in the High Court, including several lengthy trials. These include acting for the claimant trader on his claim for damages for lost profits resulting from misrepresentations made to him by his broker; for Boris Berezovsky in his claim against Roman Abramovich; and for the lead defendant to a claim in fraud relating to investments in the UK housing market. Eleanor has also acted in complex proceedings in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court including a dispute between Viktor Vekselberg and Mikhail Abyzov in relation to the ownership of electricity infrastructure assets in Russia. Eleanor has been instructed on a number of fraud claims in her own right, including a trial in the Chancery Division, and a claim which was determined in her client's favour by summary judgment notwithstanding the allegations of dishonesty.

- Acted with Neil Kitchener KC for the respondents to applications for a worldwide freezing order and then for the appointment of a receiver in proceedings in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court for the enforcement of an English judgment and for relief pursuant to s.81 of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Ordinance 1961 (conveyances made with the intention of defrauding creditors).
- Firstsource Solutions UK Limited v Euro Fresh Produce Limited
  Acting for the claimant in proceedings for restitution of an unjust enrichment and/or dishonest assistance and knowing receipt, arising out of a payment by a bank to the wrong customer by mistake.
- Emmerson International Corporation & Ors v. Mikhail Abyzov & Ors
  Acted (with Kenneth MacLean KC then Vernon Flynn KC) on behalf of a number of defendants purportedly joined to and served with claims in this very heavy litigation. The underlying dispute related to an alleged joint venture between Mikhail Abyzov and Viktor Vekselberg, in relation to power generation assets in Russia. Mr Abyzov's primary claim was for c.$900 million.
- Public Institution for Social Security v Al Rajaan & Ors
  Acted with Camilla Bingham KC for the defendant bank in proceedings brought by a state pension scheme to recover alleged secret commissions paid to its agent, and which were estimated to exceed US$847.7 million in total.
- Fonds Rusano Capital SA v. CRGF GP Limited
  Acted, with Steven Elliott KC, for CRGF in relation to Fonds Rusnano's attempts to wind up a limited partnership and rescind a partnership agreement.
- Sir Owen Glenn v Eric Watson [2018] EWHC 2016 (Ch)
  Acted (with John McCaughran KC and Hannah Brown KC) for the Defendant in a £129 million dispute between two prominent New Zealand businessmen arising out of proposed investments in ground rents and other forms of investment in UK property. The proceedings culminated in a three month trial in the Chancery Division.
- Ipsos S.A. v Aegis Group PLC
  Acted (with Kenneth MacLean KC and Michael Fealy KC) for the Defendant in various sets of proceedings arising out of the purchase of a market research business. The claimant claimed damages in excess of £100

million, for fraud and breach of warranty.

- **Ticket2Final OU v Wigan Athletic AFC [2015] EWHC 61b (Ch)**
  Acted for the Claimants in proceedings for breach of contract and fraudulent misrepresentation arising out of a contract for the grant of options to purchase FA Cup tickets, culminating in a four day trial in the Chancery Division.
- **Berezovsky v. Abramovich [2012] EWHC 2463 (Comm)**
  Acted for Boris Berezovsky (with Laurence Rabinowitz KC, Richard Gillis KC and others) on a claim against Roman Abramovich in the tort of intimidation, and for breach of trust/fiduciary duty, in relation to Russian oil and aluminium assets; culminating in a 3-month trial in the Commercial Court.
- **Standard Bank Plc v. Via Mat International Ltd & Anr [2012] EWHC 574 (Comm)**
  For the Claimant bank (with Stephen Auld KC), in a claim against a worldwide provider of transportation and secure storage services concerning the disappearance of some 20 tonnes of silver from a vault in China.
- **Tangent Investments Ltd v. MF Global UK Ltd & Anr [2009] 2 All ER (Comm) 589**
  Acted for the Claimant trader (with Neil Kitchener KC and Steven Elliott), in landmark proceedings for fraud against his broker. The first claim of its kind in which damages for lost profits were awarded.

Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws

Eleanor Campbell frequently advises on questions of jurisdiction and choice of law, and has experience of hearings on such issues both as junior counsel, and as sole advocate. She has acted in numerous arbitrations where jurisdiction has been in issue, and on s.67 jurisdiction challenges to awards, and s.9 stay applications. She has acted on service and jurisdiction challenges both in the High Court, and the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.

- **ICC Proceedings and High Court proceedings**
  Acting for the claimant in an ICC arbitration, and the defendant to competing claims in the High Court. Obtained a stay of the High Court claims pending determination of jurisdiction and other issues in the arbitration: **Orange Transgroup Ltd v Shein Distribution UK Ltd [2025] 2 Lloyd's Rep 632.**
- **Emmerson International Corporation & Ors v. Mikhail Abyzov & Ors** Acted (with Kenneth MacLean KC, then Vernon Flynn KC) on behalf of a number of defendants purportedly joined to and served with claims in this very heavy litigation. The underlying dispute related to an alleged joint venture between Mikhail Abyzov and Viktor Vekselberg, in relation to power generation assets in Russia. Mr Abyzov's primary claim was for c.$900 million. Eleanor's clients challenged service and the jurisdiction of the BVI court.
- **Hardy Exploration & Production (India) Inc v Government of India v India Infrastructure Finance Company (UK) Limited [2018] EWHC 1916 (Comm); [2018] 2 Lloyd's Rep. 331**
  Eleanor acted (with Neil Kitchener KC) for the third party in proceedings for the discharge of an interim third party debt order on grounds (amongst others) that the debt was situated in India and governed by Indian law, such that the English Court had no jurisdiction to make the order in respect of it.
- **Ryanair Ltd v. Esso Italiana SRL [2013] EWCA Civ 1450**
  For Ryanair (with Stephen Auld KC): claim for breach of contract and EU competition law: resisting a jurisdiction challenge by the defendant, alleging that the claim for breach of EU competition law falls outside the scope of an English jurisdiction clause.
- **Savchuk & Anr v. Ehrlich**
  For the Defendant Ukrainian national (with John McCaughran KC), in a jurisdiction challenge to proceedings before the Queen's Bench Division, commenced against the former adviser, for breach of confidence, and negligence, together with various other claims in relation to the administration and control of foreign companies.
- **Habas Sinai Ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustrisi v VSC Steel Co Ltd [2014] 1 Lloyd's Rep 479** For a Hong Kong based purchaser of steel (as sole counsel, and on appeal with Neil Kitchener KC), in a commodities dispute (culminating in a 3-day arbitration hearing, followed by a three day Commercial Court trial), in which the primary legal issues were the arbitrator's jurisdiction, and the applicable law for the purposes of deciding this question.

Contractual Disputes

Eleanor Campbell has experience of a range of contractual disputes, from questions of construction,

breach/termination/affirmation, to performance and quantum of damages. She has advised/acted in a variety of contexts ranging from banking, energy, share purchase agreements, telecoms, software licensing and sponsorship contracts, to the sale of goods and supply of services.

- Fir Tree Capital v SBB Treasury OYJ
  Acted with Orlando Gledhill KC for the defendants to a claim for early redemption of notes arising out of an alleged breach of covenant. The value of notes issued and guaranteed by the defendants with a covenant in the same terms, was €4.3 billion.
- Walter Oil & Gas UK LLP v Waldorf CNS (II) Ltd [2024] EWHC 3183 (Comm)
  Acted for the claimants in a dispute as to the proper construction of a royalty deed by which the claimants were entitled to a share of the proceeds of sale of petroleum produced pursuant to a licence relating to a block in the North Sea, culminating in summary judgment.
- Advising with Mark Howard KC on a potential dispute in relation to the termination of a long-term agreement for the provision of services.
- ICC Proceedings
  Acted for the Respondent to a claim for €8 million alleged to be due pursuant to the terms of a share purchase agreement, culminating in a three-day arbitration hearing.
- Entain v Sports Entertainment Media B.V.
  Acted with Sonia Tolaney KC for the claimant in proceedings for damages for breach of warranty arising out of the purchase of a Dutch online gaming business.
- Emcor Group (UK) PLC v Infineum UK Ltd
  Acted for the defendant/counterclaimant in proceedings in the TCC arising out of a facilities management agreement pursuant to which the claimant claimed the payment of invoices, and the defendant counterclaimed for damages.
- Education Software Solutions Limited v Tiger UK Bidco Limited
  Acted with Orlando Gledhill KC, then Craig Morrison KC, for the claimant in a dispute over the termination of a licence for the use of schools information management software in Northern Ireland. The claimant claimed an injunction to restrain the defendants from permitting use of the software.
- Raven Ventures International Limited v ElectraWorks Limited and Entain PLC
  Acted with Michael Fealy KC, then as sole counsel, for the defendants to a claim for breach of contract and breach of warranty arising out of the sale of two Gibraltar financial services companies.
- StarCompliance Operating LLC v Ideagen Software Limited
  Acted for the Claimant in proceedings for damages for breach of warranty in a share purchase agreement for the purchase of a business selling compliance software and related services.
- ICC Proceedings
  Acted with Alex Gunning KC, and a team of other barristers, on a heavy arbitration relating to a joint venture for the construction of infrastructure where the claim was valued at in excess of US$2.5 billion. The substantive hearing took place over six weeks in summer 2021.
- LCIA Proceedings
  Acted for the Respondent to a claim in relation to the exercise of rights under a put option agreement, requiring the Respondent to re-purchase shares which it had sold the Claimant for US$133 million
- Taurus Funds Management Pty Ltd. v. Hummingbird Resources Plc
  Acted (with Michael Fealy KC) for Hummingbird, the defendant owner and operator of a gold mine in Mali. The claim related to the alleged breach and wrongful termination of a mandate for the arrangement of a Facility of US$75m.
- Ipsos S.A. v Aegis Group PLC
  Acted (with Kenneth MacLean KC and Michael Fealy KC) for the Defendant in various sets of proceedings arising out of the purchase of a market research business. The claimant claims damages in excess of £100 million, for fraud and breach of warranty.
- Pacific Capital S.A.R.L. v Mr Lars Windhorst
  Acted for the Claimant (with Daniel Toledano KC) on a claim for specific performance of a contract for the purchase of bonds issued by companies associated with the Defendant.
- Vitol E&P Limited v African Oil and Gas Corporation
  Acted for the Claimant on a claim for sums due under a share purchase agreement in relation to a company which held an interest in a production sharing agreement for the exploitation of hydrocarbons offshore the Republic of Congo. The amount of consideration due was determined by reference to the progress of

development work under the production sharing contract.

- **Cardiff Protides Limited v Nucana Biomed Limited**
  Acted for the Claimant in a dispute over payments alleged to be due under a contract for the development and marketing of pharmaceutical products, including resisting an early application by the Defendant for injunctive relief and interim declarations.
- **Grupo Hotelero Urvasco SA v. Carey Added Value SL & Anr**
  For the Respondent (with Lord Grabiner KC), before the Court of Appeal in an expedited, interlocutory skirmish resisting a late amendment by the Claimant/Appellant and admittance of further expert evidence immediately prior to very substantial trial proceedings, arising in the context dispute between parties to a property development project.
- **Ticket2Final OU v Wigan Athletic AFC [2015] 1 WLUK 410**
  Acted for the Claimants (as sole counsel) in proceedings for breach of contract and fraudulent misrepresentation arising out of a contract for the grant of options to purchase FA Cup tickets culminating in a four day trial in the Chancery Division.
- **Avtrade Ltd v. Air Seychelles Ltd**
  Acted for the Defendant airline (as sole counsel), in Commercial Court proceedings resisting a claim for payments alleged to be due under contract for the servicing of aircraft components.
- **Force India Formula One Team Ltd v. Etihad Airways [2010] 107(40) LSG 22; [2011] ETMR 10 (CA)**
  Acted For Appellants (with Stephen Auld KC), in an F1 sponsorship dispute.
- **LCIA Proceedings**
- Acted as sole counsel for the Respondent, a large Hong Kong based textile business, in a dispute arising out of the purchase of a design and manufacturing business from the Claimant Turkish seller. The proceedings were disposed of on the hearing of a preliminary issue.

Energy and Natural Resources

Eleanor Campbell has acted in numerous contractual disputes in the energy and natural resources context, including renewable energy. She has appeared as sole counsel in both trials and applications for summary judgment on questions of contractual construction. She has acted in disputes relating to production sharing agreements, supply agreements, royalty sharing agreements, and disputes between producers and third-party introducers/consultants.

- **DMA Resources Ltd v Brazilian Nickel Ltd [2026] EWHC 833 (Ch)**
  Acted for the defendant owner of a nickel mine in Brazil on a claim by an introducer for commission arising out of the alleged introduction of an investor to the project, culminating in a four-day trial in the Chancery Division.
- **Walter Oil & Gas UK LLP v Waldorf CNS (II) Ltd [2024] EWHC 3183 (Comm)**
  Acted for the claimants in a dispute as to the proper construction of a royalty deed by which the claimants were entitled to a share of the proceeds of sale of petroleum produced pursuant to a licence relating to a block in the North Sea, culminating in summary judgment.
- **Eco Projects (IOM) Limited v Orsted Onshore UK Limited**
  Acted for the Claimant in a claim for milestone payments due under a contract for the introduction and the provision of services in relation to the identification of potential sites for onshore windfarms.
- **LCIA Proceedings**
  Acted for the Claimant operator of a bulk liquid storage terminal for hydrocarbons (with Daniel Toledano KC), in a dispute in relation to the re-conditioning and usage of oil storage facilities.
- **ICC Proceedings**
  Acted for the Claimant foreign contractors in a dispute with the state-owned oil company of a North-African country, in relation to the calculation of their share of oil under a production sharing contract. Issues include the proper construction of provisions for the apportionment of profit oil, the proper classification of costs incurred in de-commissioning the field, and the application of certain fiscal provisions in light of changes to Algerian tax law.
- **ICC Proceedings**
  Acted for the Claimant in proceedings for damages for wrongful termination of a consultancy agreement in relation to the negotiation and performance of an exploration and production sharing agreement, concluded with a regional government in Iraq.
- **Ad Hoc UNCITRAL Proceedings**

Acted for the Claimant Greek fuel and power company (as sole counsel), in a dispute over the construction of a force majeure clause in a coal supply agreement, (culminating in a 5-day hearing).

- **Vitol E&P Limited v African Oil and Gas Corporation**
  Acted for the Claimant on a claim for sums due under a share purchase agreement in relation to a company which held an interest in a production sharing agreement for the exploitation of hydrocarbons offshore the Republic of Congo. The amount of consideration due was determined by reference to the progress of development work under the production sharing contract.
- **ICC Proceedings**
  Acted (with Daniel Toledano KC) advising the Claimant on a potential claim in relation to alleged breaches of royalty agreements in relation to the exploitation of hydrocarbons in partnership with an African state oil company.

Group Litigation

Eleanor is acting for one of the defendant groups in the NOx emissions litigation, one of the largest and most complex set of group litigation currently proceeding in the English courts.

- **Gareth Grech & others v Mercedes-Benz Group and Others**
  Acting for the Hyundai/Kia defendants in the well-known NOx emissions litigation.

Agency

Eleanor has acted in several arbitrations where the key issue in the proceedings has been whether the respondent's agent had authority to enter into the contract on its behalf, two of which have resulted in reported decisions: **Habas Sinai Ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustrisi v VSC Steel Co Ltd [2014] 1 Lloyd's Rep 479** and, more recently, **Orange Transgroup Ltd v Shein Distribution UK Ltd [2025] 2 Lloyd's Rep 632**. She has also acted in complex fraud proceedings concerning the acts or authority of agents.

- **ICC Proceedings and High Court proceedings**
  Acting for the claimant in an ICC arbitration, and the defendant to competing claims in the High Court. Obtained a stay of the High Court claims pending determination of jurisdiction and other issues in the arbitration. The issue on jurisdiction relates to whether the person who executed the contract on behalf of the respondent to the arbitration had authority to do so: **Orange Transgroup Ltd v Shein Distribution UK Ltd [2025] 2 Lloyd's Rep 632**.
- **Public Institution for Social Security v Al Rajaan & Ors**
  Acted with Camilla Bingham KC for the defendant bank in proceedings brought by a state pension scheme to recover alleged secret commissions paid to its agent, and which were estimated to exceed US$847.7 million.
- **Sir Owen Glenn v Eric Watson**
  Acted (with John McCaughran KC and Hannah Brown KC) for the Defendant in a £129 million dispute between two prominent New Zealand businessmen arising out of proposed investments in ground rents and other forms of investment in UK property. The issues in the case included whether a company director acted in breach of his fiduciary duties and/or for an improper purpose and whether he therefore lacked authority to execute the disputed contracts. The proceedings culminated in a three-month trial in the Chancery Division.
- Acted for a luxury car manufacturer in a dispute with the agent it engaged to negotiate contracts with third parties for the licence of rights to exploit the manufacturer's brand. The claim concerned questions of the proper construction of the contract between principal and agent, attribution of knowledge, and breach of authority/fiduciary duty.
- **ICC Proceedings and Commercial Court Proceedings**
  Acted for a Hong Kong based purchaser of steel (as sole counsel), in a commodities dispute (culminating in a 3-day hearing) against the Turkish manufacturer, for damages suffered as a consequence of failure to supply. Followed by Commercial Court proceedings (with Neil Kitchener KC) resisting claims under s.67 and 69 of the Arbitration Act 1996 (challenging the arbitrator's ruling as to his jurisdiction, and permission to appeal on points of law): **Habas Sinai Ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustrisi v VSC Steel Co Ltd [2014] 1 Lloyd's Rep 479**. The key issue on the substantive claim was whether the defendant's agent had had authority to execute the contract in terms providing for London arbitration on its behalf and if not, whether the claimant knew it lacked such authority. The case also raised questions of the law applicable to determine the question of whether an agent has authority to agree to the law applicable to the subject contract.

Injunctions and Other Interim Relief

Eleanor has acted for both the applicants for, respondents to, and third parties affected by, worldwide freezing injunctions. She has also acted on applications for urgent injunctive relief in support of arbitrations both in the High Court and before an emergency arbitrator. Eleanor has experience of other interim orders such as orders for Norwich Pharmacal relief, and the appointment of a receiver.

- Acted for the respondent to a s.68 challenge in the Commercial Court on its application for security for costs pursuant to s.70(6) of the Arbitration Act 1996.
- Acted for the respondent to an application for a non-party costs order, including in resisting an application by the claimant for significant disclosure in support of its application for costs: **SFL Ace 2 Co Inc v DCW Management Ltd [2024] EWHC 3074 (Comm)**
- Acted with Neil Kitchener KC for the respondents to applications for a worldwide freezing order and then for the appointment of a receiver in proceedings in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.
- Acted with Michael Fealy KC on an application for urgent injunctive relief made to an emergency arbitrator in a dispute relating to the termination of the appointment of the CEO and founder of a business with annual revenues in excess of $20 billion.
- Acted with Michael Fealy KC for the respondents to an injunction granted pursuant to s.44 of the Arbitration Act 1996, in the context of a dispute between the members of an LLP.
- Acted for the Claimant on a claim for Norwich Pharmacal relief seeking disclosure of the identity of the account holder of a bank account in England, into which the Claimant had been deceived to making a significant transfer from its account in Shanghai.
- Acted for the defendant applicant for security for costs in proceedings in the High Court of Justice of the Isle of Man. The underlying dispute related to the status of c.US$15 million paid to the defendant pursuant to loan agreements, but which the claimants alleged were procured dishonestly and in breach of duty.
- Acted (with Jonathan Nash KC), on an application to set aside an injunction restraining a call on a retention bond.
- Acted (with Stephen Auld KC) for Hull City Football Club in proceedings against its former director for breach of duty and misapplication of club monies. The Club obtained a worldwide freezing injunction against the former director, together with reflective and supportive orders in Jersey and Guernsey, where the Defendant had property.
- Acted (with Stephen Auld KC) for the Respondent to a worldwide freezing injunction obtained by an Icelandic bank in the aftermath of the Icelandic banking crisis.
- Acted for the Claimant in a dispute over payments alleged to be due under a contract for the development and marketing of pharmaceutical products, including resisting an early application by the Defendant for injunctive relief and interim declarations.
- Acted (with Daniel Toledano KC) for the respondent to an interim order for the provision of documentation in the context of a dispute between the directors and shareholders of a company, and a private prosecution.
- Eleanor has experience of letters of request from foreign courts in relation to the disclosure of documents. She has acted for parties obtaining an order for disclosure, and for those responding to such orders, and has also sat as an examiner on a number of occasions.

Administrative & Public Law

Eleanor has advised on and acted in judicial review proceedings in the commercial context.

- **Ryanair Ltd v. HMRC [2013] STC 1360; [2014] EWCA 410**
  Acted for Ryanair, (with Paul Lasok KC and then David Pannick KC) on a claim for the recovery of alleged overpayments of Air Passenger Duty (APD); both by a claim for judicial review and an appeal to the Upper Tax Tribunal, and subsequently before the Court of Appeal.

Financial Regulation

Eleanor has acted for the Financial Conduct Authority in numerous references to the Upper Tribunal in disciplinary proceedings.

- **Reynolds v Financial Conduct Authority [2025] Pens. L.R. 1; [2024] 8 WLUK 426; [2025] UKUT 413 (TCC)** Acted for the Financial Conduct Authority in disciplinary proceedings in the Upper Tribunal against an independent financial adviser on whom the Authority had imposed a prohibition and a penalty of £2.2 million.
- Eleanor acted (with Ben Strong KC) for the Financial Conduct Authority in three sets of disciplinary proceedings against individual traders alleged to have participated in LIBOR manipulation (including **Hussein v FCA [2018] Lloyd's Rep F.C. 574**).
- Eleanor is currently acting for the Financial Conduct Authority in references to the Upper Tribunal by three individuals against whom the Authority has brought disciplinary proceedings in relation to pension transfer advice.

What the Directories Say

"Eleanor is operating at silk level. She is brilliant with the law, decisive and strongly strategic. She is a very good, effective advocate – in writing and orally. She is able to identify the most important points and is a real pleasure to work with." (Chambers & Partners, International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance, 2027)

"I think Eleanor is fantastic. Her drafting has been excellent, and her client skills are great." (Chambers & Partners, International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance, 2027)

"Eleanor is very, very capable. She is excellent." (Chambers & Partners, International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance, 2027)

"She is highly intelligent, her research skills are top notch and she is highly meticulous in her approach. Eleanor's written work is clear, thorough and very incisive. Her oral advocacy is of a high standard - her submissions are seamless and her cross-examination is razor sharp. Eleanor is very user-friendly and a pleasure to work with." (Legal 500, International Arbitration: Counsel, 2027)

"She is clear and analytical and completely unflappable. She does a fantastic job and is hard-working and dedicated." (Legal 500, Commercial Litigation, 2027)

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'Well-grounded and highly competent. Easy to work with as part of a team.' (Legal 500, International Arbitration 2025)

'Eleanor is thorough, meticulous and highly intelligent. She is a highly gifted advocate, whose oral and written arguments are compelling, succinct, and clear. She has a fine legal mind and can get her head around the most complex problems.' (Legal 500, Commercial Litigation 2025)

"She is thorough, considered and easy to work with." (Chambers & Partners, International Arbitration UK & Global, 2024)

"Her drafting skills are excellent and she is extremely user-friendly." (Chambers & Partners, International Arbitration UK & Global, 2024)

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'Eleanor is thorough, responsive and with an excellent knowledge of the relevant legal principles and how best to use them. Her drafting is precise, and her advocacy is measured and persuasive.' (Legal 500, International Arbitration 2024)

'Eleanor is extremely diligent and hard working. She is approachable and a team player and the occasions she has appeared as advocate, she has done a sterling job.' (Legal 500, International Arbitration 2023)

"A pleasure to work with, she provides sound and excellent advice and leaves no stone unturned" (Legal 500, International Arbitration 2022)

"Provides concise advocacy that deals with exactly what the panel wants to hear about" (Legal 500, International Arbitration, 2020)

"Impressive knowledge of the law with strong advocacy and cross-examination skills" (Legal 500, International Arbitration, 2018 - 2019)

"A persuasive advocate, who is on top of the law and good strategically" (Legal 500, International Arbitration, 2017)

"An excellent advocate and strong at building rapport with the tribunal." (Legal 500, International Arbitration, 2016)

Education

[2000 - 2004] Brasenose College, Oxford: BA Law with French Law (First Class)
[2002-2003] L'Université de Paris II: Certificat Supérieur de Droit Français, mention assez bien.
[2004 - 2005] BPP Law School: BVC (Very Competent)
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Oxford University
Scholarships College exhibition (on achieving distinction in law moderations) (2001)
Scholar of Brasenose College (2003)
Barry Nicholas Scholarship (2005)
Senior Hulme Scholar, Brasenose College (2005)
Arts & Humanities Research Council studentship (2005)

Lincoln's Inn awards
Lord Mansfield Scholarship (2004)
Hardwicke Entrance Award (2004)
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