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Biography

Madelaine is a barrister specialising in international arbitration and cross border litigation involving high value complex disputes with links to the Middle East.

Madelaine has practised in London, Dubai and Oman over the past decade. She conducts much of her own advocacy in international arbitration. She also has Rights of Audience before the Senior Courts of England and Wales and the DIFC Courts in Dubai.

Her experience includes conducting arbitration proceedings governed by the DIAC, ICC, CRCICA, DIFC-LCIA, LCIA, ADCCAC, PCA and UNCITRAL rules under English, Qatari, UAE (on and offshore), Omani, KSA, Egyptian and Shari'ah law for clients in the infrastructure, oil and gas, and renewables sectors.

Experience

Pinsent Masons LLP experience:

- 2023 – Representing a Chinese owned construction company in enforcement proceedings in the English High Court concerning an USD 300m LCIA award.
- 2023 - Representing the shareholders of an Italian energy provider in English High Court proceedings against a KSA holding company concerning breaches of an SPA.
- 2023 – Represented a GCC airline in an English High Court dispute against an aircraft manufacturer regarding defects.
- 2023 – Representing a global cruise line and marine logistics operator in third party joinder applications under the LCIA rules, seated in London.
- 2023 – Advised a Chinese Contractor on proposed arbitration agreements governed by English seated in Tanzania and Ugandan.
- 2022 – Represented a global cruise line and marine logistics operator in an LCIA arbitration, seated in London under English law concerning the development of a Bahamian Island concerning delay, final account reconciliation and defective works.
- 2022 - Representing an African State in an UNCITRAL arbitration, seated in London under Shari'ah law concerning crude oil supplied under a sale and purchase agreement.
- 2022 - Representing an African State in an UNCITRAL arbitration, seated in London under Shari'ah law concerning crude oil lifted under an exploration and production sharing agreement.

Previous experience:

- Acted for Abu Dhabi government owed military contractor in a DIAC arbitration, seated in Abu Dhabi under UAE law concerning delay, defects, change in employer's requirements, breach of payment obligations including related Court of Cassation proceedings concerning legality of call on bonds.
- Advised in a DIAC arbitration, seated in Dubai under UAE law against a Dubai Government linked entity.
- Advised in an LCIA arbitration, seated in Dubai under English law concerning breaches of warranties and indemnities following a share purchase in KSA.
- Represented an employer in an ad hoc / Oman Arbitration Law arbitration, seated in Oman under Omani law concerning the construction of a water desalination facility including delay, disruption and defective works, including challenges on enforcement and related Omani Court Proceedings.
- Represented a desalination plant operator in an ad hoc / Oman Arbitration Law arbitration, seated in Oman, under Omani law against a government owned entity.
- Represented a Japanese subcontractor in an ICC arbitration, seated in Dubai under UAE law concerning breaches of contract, defects, unpaid invoices, variations and unlawful termination. Award of USD 10m enforced in Dubai and Kuala Lumpur.
- Represented a design consortium in a DIAC arbitration, seated in Dubai under KSA and Shari'ah law for unlawful termination, substitution, breach of IP, variations, Delay/EOT's and jurisdictional challenges related to two medical cities in Riyadh and Jeddah (one of KSA's top 10 construction projects in 2018) worth USD 100 million.

- Represented an arbitration centre during the tail end of proceedings made by a vexatious developer in respect of allegations of bias and invalidity of appointment of arbitrator by centre.
- Represented the largest non-government owned natural gas company in the Middle East in a CRCICA arbitration, seated in Dubai under Egyptian and Shari'ah law concerning breach of a concession agreement involving allegations of fraud, corruption, unpaid net profit interest with USD 200 million. Proceedings also involved jurisdictional challenge, challenge to gas reserves expert evidence.
- Represented a UAE national carrier in three DIAC arbitrations, seated in Dubai under UAE law against the owner of the largest, now defunct, private equity group concerning loan agreements for USD 300 million.
- As part of a team of 100 lawyers across the firm, represented a GCC state in an ICC arbitration, seated in Qatar under Qatari and Shari'ah law against the main contractor concerning the construction of a regional hub airport including delay, disruption, design variations.
- Represented a Government owned entity in a ICC arbitration, seated in Qatar under Qatari law concerning delay, suspension and termination of an USD 50 million EPC contract .
- Acted for a consultant in claims against a Government Ministry in Oman for out of scope work, EOT, delay and termination.
- Reviewed and amended FIDIC (Red Book) and Oman Standard Construction Contracts on behalf of contractor clients.
- Drafted and presented submissions to an expert in a 7.5million USD claim against a main contractor by subcontractors in respect of the construction of Oman's largest aluminium rolling mill plant.

Education

- 2016 – DIFC Courts – Licensed Advocate
- 2016 – DIFC Courts – Certificate in DIFC Court Procedures
- 2015 – Bar Council, London – Public access 'conducting litigation' qualification
- 2012 – Bar Council, London – Public Access Qualification
- 2011 – BBP Law School, London – LLM, Distinction
- 2010 – Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, London – Called to the Bar of England and Wales
- 2010 – BPP Law School, London – Bar Finals
- 2009 - University of Kent, Canterbury – LLB Law, First Class Honours

Qualification year and jurisdiction

- 2017 to 2020 – Dubai
- 2016 to 2017 – Oman
- 2010 – England and Wales

Career History (most recent position held)

- 2021 to present – Pinsent Masons LLP – Senior Associate
- 2018 to 2020 – Squire Patton Boggs (MENA) LLP, Dubai - Associate
- 2017 to 2018 – Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP, Dubai – Associate
- 2016 to 2017 – Al Busaidy Mansoor Jamal, Muscat – Associate
- 2011 to date – 7 Bedford Row, London – Barrister (Door Tenant)

Location

- England & Wales

Language

- English

Professional Memberships

- Associate, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)
- Arbitral Women
- Associate, Society of Construction Law (Middle East)
- ICC YAAF
- Delos Dispute Resolution