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Ellie is a member of the Commercial Disputes team. She advises clients on a broad range of commercial issues including contractual and shareholder disputes, regulatory matters as well as construction claims. She works with national and international companies, mainly in the manufacturing, technology and engineering sectors. Much of her work has an international or cross-border aspect, with a particular focus on companies with a German connection.

Examples of legal experience

Ellie has recently worked on:

- Contesting the jurisdiction of the English courts on behalf of a large German manufacturer.
- Achieving settlement of a shareholder dispute for German investors in an English technology company.
- Defending a US IT company against a breach of warranty claim.
- Advising on multi-million dollar delay and disruption claims in the automotive industry.
- Negotiating a multi-million Euro, long-term supply contract for a German manufacturer of carbon components.

Ellie has also been involved in a number of large-scale litigation matters as a member of the team, including:

- Defending a US pharmaceuticals company facing claims for alleged defects in one of its leading drugs, including undertaking substantial e-discovery.

- Acting for an electronics and engineering corporate on its intervention in a Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT) case (*National Grid plc v Gas and Electricity Markets Authority [2009] CAT*).
- Representing a financial services company in a claim concerning an investment in the Dubai property market, including e-discovery.
- Assisting an international engineering subcontractor in resolving claims arising from the construction of a liquid natural gas plant.

Additional Information

Ellie was brought up and educated in Germany and is bilingual in English and German. Ellie has co-authored a book on risk management in construction projects (Pinnells & Pinnells, *Risikomanagement in Internationalen Projekten*, Gabler Verlag 2007). She travels to Germany on a regular basis.

Career Experience

- 2010 Hill Hofstetter LLP, Associate
- 2008 Reed Smith/Hill Hofstetter LLP, Training contract
- 2006 Burges Salmon LLP, Paralegal

Legal Education

- 2006 Legal Practice Course, University of the West of England, Bristol
- 2005 Post-Graduate Diploma in Law, University of the West of England, Bristol

Undergraduate Education

- 2003 BA Music, First class honours, University of Bristol
- 2000 Abitur, Theresianum Gymnasium Mainz, Germany