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Education and Qualifications

- 2015-2017 **University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark**
LLM. Thesis - *Addressing gender imbalance in international judiciaries: what lessons can be learned from an international law firm?* (12/12 – Danish grading scale)
- Aug 2011 Admitted as a Solicitor of England and Wales (SRA number: 475215)
- 2008-2009 **College of Law (Moorgate), London, England**
Legal Practice Course (LPC), July 2009 (Distinction)
- 2004-2007 **London School of Economics & Political Science, London, England**
LLB, Second Class (High Upper Division)
Blackstone Chambers Prize for performance in Law and Institutions of the European Union
- 2002-2004 **Peter Symonds College, Winchester, Hampshire, England**
A-levels: English Literature (A), History (A), French (B); AS-levels: Law (A)
- 1997-2002 **Thornden School, Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, England**
GCSEs (4 A*s, 3 As, 3 Bs, 1C)

Professional Experience

- 2021 – Present **Senior Counsel (formerly Knowledge Management Counsel), Akin Gump LLP, London, England**
Financial Restructuring group
- Sole senior counsel in the European financial restructuring group team with a dedicated focus on legal support for business development initiatives and technical insolvency and restructuring questions. Responsibilities include:
- Organising and delivering training and presentations internally.
 - Preparing thought leadership pieces for distribution internally and to clients.
 - Providing support on pitch preparation including legal analysis of implementation options.
 - Maintaining internal oversight of restructuring pipeline and preparing related external marketing pieces for distribution to clients.
 - Consolidating knowledge and precedent documentation from fee-earning attorneys.
 - Proactively tracking legal developments (judicial and legislative), proposals for reform and government consultations in the restructuring and insolvency world.
- 2018 - 2021 **Counsel, Akin Gump LLP, London, England**
Financial Restructuring group
- Advised an ad hoc group of convertible bondholders to a North Sea oil and gas company on its restructuring involving a restructuring plan under Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006.
 - Advised lenders on the restructuring of a North Sea oil and gas company. Thorough review of administration appointment documents, research into and preparation of application for the Pre Pack Pool and advice in connection with security enforcement.
 - Advised the private placement noteholders to a London-listed support services and construction company on its restructuring. Advice provided in connection with new money lending, intercreditor arrangements and amendment of existing debt facilities. Drafted amendment documentation and commented on English and foreign law security. Advice on insolvency set-off regimes (administration and liquidation).
 - Full review of bond and loan documentation to assist in implementation of potential acquisition.
- 2017 **Associate, Akin Gump LLP, London, England**
Financial Restructuring group
- Commenced advice to private placement noteholders and lenders (considered more fully in Counsel

experience).

- Prepared sub-participation documentation for client's prospective debt trade.
- Assisted in contentious note redemption, including considerations of significant risk transfer and regulatory capital requirements.

2015 - 2017 **Research Assistant, Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, Denmark**

Research assistant to the '*Driving Competitiveness through Servitization*' project in the Department of Operations Management at Copenhagen Business School (CBS). Support provided to the externally financed project included:

- Drafting and finalising industry-facing reports, presentations and publications through which the findings of the research conducted by the project were disseminated.
- Reviewing and assisting in finalising academic papers.
- Coordinating and providing administrative assistance to project team members.

2014 - 2017 **Consultant solicitor, Clifford Chance LLP, Copenhagen, Denmark**

Restructuring and Insolvency Finance group

Freelance consultant solicitor assisting the cross-border Restructuring and Insolvency Finance group, based in London, from Denmark. Transactional assistance with domestic and European restructuring, refinancings and insolvency processes, alongside research, advisory and academic support, which included:

- Advising a Danish bank on its exposure to a receivables securitisation financing. Advice provided in relation to the prospective insolvency of relevant English subsidiaries, as well as drafting reservation of rights letters and requests for information.
- Continuing advice to the Codere group on its restructuring (considered more fully in Associate experience).

2011 - 2014 **Associate, Clifford Chance LLP, London, England**

Restructuring and Insolvency Finance group

- Advised the Spain-headquartered Codere group in negotiating the restructuring of its high yield note debt, with a focus on an English law scheme of arrangement, Chapter 15 recognition under the US Bankruptcy Code and certain Spanish and Luxembourg pre-insolvency and insolvency procedures. Drafted instructions to Counsel and the scheme documents (including explanatory statement).
- Advised the co-ordinating committee to the Danish Vestas group on a refinancing of the group's senior, export credit and bonding facilities. Coordination of security and guarantee confirmations throughout several jurisdictions in Europe, the USA and Central America.
- Preliminary advice to the lender to a UK limited partnership on options (consensual and non-consensual) to acquire secured assets following default. Extensive security review and advice on enforcement, including how to maximise recoveries through trustee indemnities and appointment of administrators.
- Advised the Travelodge group on the implementation of the simultaneous financial and operational restructuring of its hotel portfolio. Drafted implementation documents and assisted with the preparation of a pre-pack administration as a contingency plan for the operational restructuring.

2009 – 2011 **Trainee solicitor, Clifford Chance LLP**

Four six-month seats in Capital Markets, Restructuring and Insolvency Finance, Corporate Finance and Banking and Project Finance (Dubai).

Languages English (mother tongue), French (basic), Spanish (basic), Danish (beginner)

Interests Literature, yoga, travel

References available on request