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BACKGROUND

Natasha holds a Master of Arts in Law from the University of Cambridge and completed a Summer Programme in International Business Law at Bucerius Law School, Hamburg. She is admitted as a solicitor-advocate (civil courts) in England and Wales.

KEY SERVICES

[Business and Human Rights](#)
[Crisis Prevention and Management](#)

KEY SECTORS

[Banks](#)

EXPERIENCE

Natasha advises clients in relation to dispute resolution, investigations, regulatory enforcement proceedings and business and human rights compliance. She is focused on helping clients take a commercial approach towards strengthening their ethical practices and business cultures to meet current and future legal and regulatory risks and to deliver better outcomes for their customers, workers, shareholders and other stakeholders.

Natasha has extensive experience in the financial services sector, having worked with several major UK banks, including on secondment in the Contentious Regulatory Legal team of a major banking group. She has advised banks, investment and stockbroking firms and regulated individuals on civil litigation and regulatory issues, including contractual disputes, internal and external investigations and FCA regulatory enforcement proceedings.

As a member of our global Band 1 ranked Business and Human Rights team (*Chambers Global 2017*), she helps clients follow the latest developments in the emerging risk area of business and human rights compliance with international and domestic law standards. This includes advising on UK human rights reporting requirements, implementing policies and processes in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, identifying and addressing potential and actual human rights impacts in businesses and their supply chains, and emerging trends in relation to class action litigation for human rights impacts.

Natasha's experience includes advising:

- RBS Group in defending actions brought by shareholder and investor groups in connection with its 2008 rights issue
- a major banking group (on secondment) on contentious regulatory matters
- banks and individuals in relation to FCA enforcement proceedings, including addressing allegations regarding fitness and propriety, product mis-selling and systems and controls failings
- various clients on Modern Slavery Act 2015 reporting requirements; human rights, labour and CSR policies, and operationalising their responsibilities under the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- an airline in Commercial Court and Court of Appeal proceedings regarding a US\$17million contractual dispute over an aircraft lease, which was the first case to consider the meaning of 'airworthiness'