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Rachel is a Partner and solicitor advocate in the firm's dispute resolution division in London.

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BACKGROUND

Rachel has a first class degree from Exeter College, Oxford

KEY SERVICES

Dispute Resolution
Technology, Media and Entertainment, and
Telecommunications

KEY SECTORS

Energy
Technology, Media and Telecommunications

EXPERIENCE

Rachel is a solicitor advocate and Partner in the dispute resolution division. She advises on a wide range of commercial disputes, with a particular focus on clients in the energy and TMT sectors. She has extensive experience of High Court litigation, international arbitration, expert determination and mediation.

Rachel has over 15 years' experience advising clients in the oil, gas and power industries on contractual and other disputes. Her focus includes acting for clients in relation to disputes involving technology, such as complex outsourcing, systems integration and data management projects. Rachel also has significant experience of defending fraud claims, multi-party litigation and disputes involving public bodies (including procurement disputes).

Rachel has extensive experience of High Court litigation, international arbitration and mediation. She has a first class degree from the University of Oxford.

Rachel is ranked as a 'Next Generation Partner' in the *Legal 500 UK 2022*.

Rachel's experience includes:

- Direct Line Insurance Services v IBM – defending IBM against claims relating to a major business transformation project including the design and build of an enterprise data warehouse and related software
- Advising a climate change-focused fund in relation to an earn out dispute concerning smart metering technology
- Advising an international media company in relation to the impact of Covid-19 on its contractual rights and related reputational issues
- Advising a European power company in relation to a Joint Operating Agreement linked to a Production Sharing Contract for an Algerian gas field and related arbitration proceedings
- Advising a global technology company in connection with a threatened class action to be brought in the English High Court involving at least 4,000 claimants alleging unlawful means conspiracy
- Advising Tesco in relation to thousands of claims under the equal pay provisions of the Equality Act (including expedited High Court proceedings)
- Advising an international technology company in relation to contentious issues in the context of a software development and data migration project in the retail sector
- Advising various Site Licence Company and Parent Body Organisations in relation to nuclear decommissioning contracts with the UK Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
- Constantin Medien AG v Bernard Ecclestone and Others – successfully defending Bernie Ecclestone in substantial, high profile High Court litigation brought by a number of claimants in successive proceedings regarding allegations of unlawful means conspiracy and other economic torts
- Alstom Transport Limited v London Underground Limited and Transport for London – acting for LUL and TfL in defending a claim from an unsuccessful bidder relating to the procurement of new AC traction engines for the Central Line

- Crestar Integrated Natural Resources Limited v Newton Energy Limited – acting for Newton Energy Limited (a subsidiary of Seplat Petroleum Development Company plc) in High Court proceedings in relation to a dispute concerning an offshore Nigerian Oil Mining Licence
- Advising Cavendish Fluor Partnership as the successful bidder in relation to EnergySolutions EU Limited v the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority; also advising Cavendish Fluor Partnership and Magnox Limited in relation to a further claim brought by Bechtel in respect of the same procurement process
- Repsol Sinopec Resources UK Limited v Baker Hughes Limited – acting for Repsol Sinopec Resources UK Limited in relation to a substantial claim relating to defective electrical submersible pumps
- Transocean Drilling UK Limited v Repsol Sinopec Resources UK Limited – defending Repsol Sinopec Resources UK Limited in relation to a claim for unpaid invoices in the context of alleged breaches of contracts for the supply of drilling units due to technical failures
- Acting for various major European energy companies on price review arbitrations under long-term gas and LNG sale and purchase agreements, involving claims in connection with oil price trends, developments in world gas markets and economic instability
- Acting for an African power company in an UNCITRAL arbitration relating to the supply of power to the mining industry