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BACKGROUND

Natasha trained at the firm and joined its disputes team as an associate in 2005.

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KEY SECTORS

Banks and other Financial Institutions
Professional Support and Business Services

EXPERIENCE

Natasha is an experienced commercial litigator with expertise across a number of specialisms including class actions, contentious restructuring and insolvency and corporate governance and a range of sectors including financial services, media and consumer.

Natasha's practice encompasses commercial disputes and class actions, contentious restructuring and insolvency, financial services litigation and expertise in relation to directors' duties and corporate governance matters. Her clients include major corporates, banks, professional services firms, funds, company boards and individual directors and office holders. She has a wealth of experience advising on matters involving allegations of negligence, as well as contractual and shareholders' disputes and director misfeasance.

Natasha has significant experience working with major listed clients and has led our work for financial services institutions and public company boards in relation to high profile officeholder, internal, whistleblowing and regulatory investigations, as well as parliamentary select committee inquiries involving corporate governance and reputation management issues.

Natasha has advised on a number of the largest and most high-profile matters of recent years and is recognised for her technical excellence and commercial and sensitive approach. Natasha is listed as an 'up and coming' Ranked Lawyer for Commercial & Corporate Litigation in *Chambers & Partners UK 2022*, where she is praised for being "extremely able, super bright, and having great judgement." She is ranked as a 'next generation partner' for Commercial Litigation: Premium in *Legal 500 UK 2022*. Natasha is also listed as a 'key lawyer' for the firm on Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency and Banking Litigation: Investment and Retail in *Legal 500 UK 2022* and has previously been recommended as having a "great deal of experience with the international elements of litigation" in *Legal 500 UK 2018*. Natasha is most recently listed as a key lawyer for Crisis & Risk Management in *Chambers & Partners Professional Advisors 2022*.

Natasha's experience includes advising:

Financial services and banking litigation

Société Générale in relation to High Court proceedings in connection with multi-million dollar transactions entered into with the Libyan Investment Authority

Several leading banks and funds in connection with disputes arising out of structured finance and derivatives transactions

A bank in relation to shareholder derivative claims

Arab Banking Corporation and ABC Islamic Bank on their successful multi-party High Court litigation against the Algozaibi partnership arising out of an alleged \$9bn fraud, including claims for breach of contract and in misrepresentation and deceit

CIBC in major High Court litigation in relation to the failed Box Clever securitisation including claims by noteholders relating to misrepresentation and professional negligence connected with the financial modelling

A major bank UK bank in relation to a shareholder derivative action in the New York courts

Class actions

A major OEM in relation to a class action concerning diesel NOx emissions in respect of approximately 250,000 vehicles

A media company in relation to a threatened misselling class action

Financial Services Compensation Scheme in relation to large-scale High Court litigation involving industry-wide mis-selling claims on behalf of retail investors

Investigations and crisis management

An international bank in relation to an investigation of whistleblower allegations of bullying and harassment

Ted Baker plc in relation to an independent investigation

Several major listed corporates in relation to sexual and other harassment and bullying claims

The former board of a FTSE 250 listed company in relation to a regulatory investigation by the Financial Conduct Authority

An international household name corporate in relation to a Parliamentary Select Committee inquiry

A major media company in the wake of high-profile events, including in relation to attendance before a Select Committee inquiry

Contentious insolvency

Certain former directors of Carillion on all matters arising from their high-profile liquidation, including in relation to the various Parliamentary committee appearances and investigations and ongoing CDDA proceedings

EY as Administrators of international telecommunications group Nortel EMEA in relation to complex cross border disputes

A major consumer business in relation to the insolvency of its exclusive warehousing and transport provider in the UK, including in relation to maintaining supply to retailers

Numerous banks and financial institutions in relation to contentious restructurings

Former directors of a company in liquidation in relation to potential misfeasance claims.