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Leilah is a partner in our London office. She has extensive experience representing corporations on the resolution of complex disputes involving investment treaties and contractual relationships, with a particular focus on disputes in the oil & gas, mining, and telecoms sectors.

Leilah has been named a *Who's Who Legal: Future Leader* for 2018-2022, in which peers and clients described her as “one of the most efficient practitioners” and as having “outstanding leadership skills”. Leilah has also been recognised as a Next Generation Partner for both international arbitration and public international law in *The Legal 500 UK 2023*, and a Rising Star in *The Legal 500's International Arbitration Powerlist 2019* for the UK.

She was educated at the University of Cambridge, is qualified in England and Wales, and speaks English and French.

### Selected Experience

- Representing an energy major in LCIA arbitration proceedings in London arising out of allegations of breach of a Farmout Agreement governed by English law.
- Representing an energy major in UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings against a Middle Eastern State following the expiry of a production sharing contract.
- Obtaining a successful award on behalf of a consortium of energy companies that saw the dismissal of \$800 million claims following the expiry of a production sharing contract.
- Representing an energy major in ICC arbitration proceedings in Paris relating to cost recovery disputes and claims of environmental damage arising out of the early relinquishment of a production sharing contract with a Middle Eastern State.
- Representing an energy major in potential treaty and contract claims against an African government and State-owned oil company arising out of a purported unilateral and retroactive change in the profit-sharing mechanism set out in the applicable production sharing contracts.
- Representing a subsidiary of an Australian mining company in a dispute concerning tax and royalty demands in breach of stability guarantees in a long-term investment agreement relating to one of the world's largest gold/copper mines.
- Representing Sabafon, the first GSM operator in Yemen, in a UNCITRAL arbitration commenced against the Republic of Yemen under an investment law in a dispute involving a number of tax and discriminatory measures taken by the government that adversely affected the operation of Sabafon's network.
- Representing a real estate property development company in a London-seated ICC arbitration pertaining to disputes arising from a terminated joint venture in India.
- Representing a subsidiary of Malaysia's national oil and gas company, PETRONAS, in an ICSID arbitration against the Republic of the Sudan under the Malaysia-Sudan BIT in relation to a real estate project.
- Representing a group of ExxonMobil subsidiaries in an ICSID arbitration against

Venezuela, arising from Venezuela's expropriation of ExxonMobil's projects in country.

- Representing a consortium of major and super-major energy companies in potential ICC arbitration proceedings under an English-law governed joint operating agreement relating to the potential sale of one consortium member's interest in the underlying North Sea asset, and the exercise by the other consortium members of their pre-emption rights.

#### **Admissions**

- England & Wales

#### **Languages**

- English
- French

#### **Education**

- MA (Cantab), University of Cambridge