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About Madalena

Madalena (Maddie) Houlihan advises on avoidance and resolution of disputes in the infrastructure and energy sectors. She has represented clients in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, the Americas and Africa, in complex and high-value court proceedings, arbitrations (under the rules of the ICC, LCIA and DIA), mediation, and adjudication.

Prior to joining Bracewell, Madalena was an associate and trainee in the London office of a large international law firm where she developed connections to the Brazilian and Lusophone markets.

Recent Notable Matters

International oil company — dispute concerning the price re-determination provisions of two crude oil sale and purchase agreements

International oil and gas company — ICC arbitration relating to amounts payable by non-operating parties under the accounting procedure of two joint operating agreements concerning African assets

Renewable energy company — ICC arbitration under an EPC agreement relating to the construction of a solar energy plant in Mexico

An independent oil and gas company — LCIA arbitration relating to disclosure of certain liabilities made by the seller in a share purchase agreement

Various international E&P companies — concerning the impact of an Iraqi Supreme Court decision on production sharing contracts entered into with the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

TAQA Bratani Ltd, TAQA Bratani LNS Ltd, JX Nippon Exploration and Production (UK) Ltd, Spirit Energy Resources Ltd — successful English high court proceedings regarding the forced removal of an operator under various joint operating agreements by vote (*TAQA Bratani Limited and Others v RockRose UKCS8 LLC* [2020] EWHC 58 (Comm))*

International engineering contractor — DIA arbitration relating to the design of an energy from waste project in the UK*

National oil company — ICC arbitration concerning migration of hydrocarbons between adjacent oil blocks, valued at US\$ 1.4 billion*

Brazilian oil and gas company — LCIA arbitration in relation to various claims under an FPSO charter agreement and an FPSO services agreement*

* Work completed prior to Bracewell

Education

University of Law, London, L.L.M., L.P.C.
2015

University of Exeter, LL.B. (Hons)
2014

Noteworthy

The Legal 500 United Kingdom, Dispute Resolution - Commercial Litigation: Premium, 2024

Affiliations

Lex Anglo-Brasil, Executive Committee

Bar Admissions

Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Languages

Portuguese – native speaker
Spanish