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BIOGRAPHY

Catalina Diaconeasa is a Senior Associate in the Business and Commercial Disputes team in BCLP's London office. Catalina was admitted as a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales in September 2018 and, as a Solicitor Advocate, she exercises full rights of audience before all civil courts of England and Wales.

Catalina has experience in a wide variety of multi-party, complex litigation in multiple jurisdictions including England and Wales, the Cayman Islands, the DIFC and the UAE. Catalina has also advised clients in international arbitration matters under the rules of the LCIA, ICC, LMAA, GAFTA and ICSID, as well as *ad hoc* arbitrations under the Arbitration Act 1996. Her diverse and international practice focuses on contractual and company law disputes, professional negligence claims, civil fraud cases and jurisdictional challenges.

Catalina has also completed a six-month secondment with an international trading house in London, where she advised on commercial negotiations and on LMAA and GAFTA arbitrations, as well as corporate governance issues.

She is fluent in Romanian and has a working knowledge of French, Spanish and Italian.

Catalina is recommended for commercial litigation by The Legal 500 UK (2025) where she is recognised as an “excellent associate” and “one to watch”.

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory
- Class Actions & Mass Torts

EXPERIENCE

- Acted for a private equity fund in a variety of cross-border disputes arising from the collapse of the Abraaj Group (previously the largest firm in the Middle East), including handling a three-month fraud trial in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands.
- Represented Sberbank in its successful challenge to the jurisdiction of the English High Court to hear a \$300 million conspiracy claim brought by a subsidiary of Russian bank VTB.
- Acted for a private equity fund in connection with two LCIA arbitrations related to alleged breaches of contract.
- Acted for a technology company in relation to a commercial dispute arising from a Shareholders' Agreement.
- Advised various professional services firms in relation to professional negligence claims.

