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## BIOGRAPHY

Clare is a partner, and solicitor-advocate, with over 14 years' experience helping businesses resolve disputes and find solutions to corporate risk issues.

Clare acts for clients, including in the financial services, transport, and energy sectors, in (1) complex commercial litigation (2) competition law related damages actions, and (3) internal investigations and addressing regulatory issues. Clare has represented clients in the High Court, Court of Appeal and the Competition Appeals Tribunal.

Clare's advice is informed by an "in-house" perspective, having gained valuable insights through three secondments in the financial services and aviation sectors.

Clare was recognised in Legal 500 (2022) as someone who is "*measured in her approach and tackles complex disputes in a measured and commercial way*" for Commercial Litigation. Legal 500

also recognised Clare as a Rising Star in Banking Litigation in 2020.

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[Privilege considerations in tax investigations - Tax Journal \(February 2024\)](#)

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**Without Prejudice Privilege**

The High Court has reaffirmed the strength of protection given to parties seeking to resolve a dispute through reliance on the 'without prejudice' rule during negotiations. In *FW Aviation (Holdings) 1 Limited v Vietjet Aviation Joint Stock Company*, the Court confirms the extraordinary nature of the 'unambiguous impropriety' exception and clarifies the ways in which 'without prejudice privilege' can be waived. Clare Reeve Curatola and Sanjay Lohano outline the nature and scope of the rule, providing practical tips for commercial parties looking to rely on this privilege whilst negotiating the settlement of a dispute.

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## **Disputes in Focus: Quick Q&A on International Disputes - Important Points to Note**

According to data released by the Ministry of Justice 63% of cases listed in 2022 and 69% of cases listed in Q1/Q2 2023 in the Commercial Court involved at least one non-UK registered party. Despite the increasing frequency of such litigation, issues which arise specifically in the context of international litigation can often catch litigants by surprise. In this blog, Clare Reeve Curatola outlines some of the challenges and, she asks her Litigation and Investigations colleague, Associate Megan Applegarth, about her recent experience of managing these challenges. Megan provides examples of key issues that can arise when parallel proceedings are ongoing in different jurisdictions. Short on time? Jump to our summary of issues in international disputes.

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## **Disputes in Focus: Quick Q&A on Legal Privilege in Group Litigation**

Legal professional privilege is a key issue in any litigation or investigation and each year the courts determine many disputes over its application. It can become less straightforward to manage and protect in multi-party or group proceedings. In this blog, Clare Reeve Curatola provides a brief summary of legal privilege and the rules about sharing privileged material under English law. And, she asks fellow Litigation and Investigations partner, Ravi Nayer, about his recent experience of grappling with issues of legal privilege where there are multiple different parties involved in a dispute and in the context of group actions in the High Court. Short on time? Jump to our key takeaways.

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## **Disputes in Focus: Quick Q&A on Developments in Forensic IT & AI**

Since 2016, when our team won the first contested court application to use predictive coding in disclosure, we have been at the forefront of using technology to effectively manage the huge data volumes which we often see in commercial litigation, arbitration and investigations. And this requires specialist expertise, which we are fortunate to have in our in-house Forensic Technology team. In this insight, Clare Reeve Curatola ask our experts, Jason Alvares and Chris Wheatley, to share their insights and thoughts on the developments and challenges in forensic technology. They also share practical tips to optimise the process of retaining and collecting data and documents, which often prove crucial to successfully resolving a dispute. Short on time? Jump to our practical tips.

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## **Disputes in Focus: Quick Q&A on group claims**

There are various ways in the English High Court to bring a claim, including as a group or representative action. Historically they have been underused but that is changing. Businesses are becoming increasingly interested in this ability to bring group actions and mass claims in the English High Court. In this blog, Clare Reeve Curatola outlines different ways to bring a civil commercial claim in the English High Court and asks fellow Litigation and Investigations partner, Ben Blacklock, to share his insights into the changing approach to group or class actions and mass claims in the English courts. Ben shares his thoughts on the key developments and changes that may be driving an increase in group actions, the challenges and the important considerations for Claimants and Defendants to consider in this area. Short on time? Jump to our key considerations.

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## **Disputes in Focus: Quick Q&A on Civil Restraint Orders**

Commercial disputes between individuals and/or companies often involve complex issues and debate. Sometimes, however, a claim is made without any legal and/or factual basis and, despite best efforts, the claimant is persistent in pursuing it. This can lead to the defendant incurring significant unnecessary wasted time and costs. In this blog, Clare Reeve Curatola outlines what Civil Restraint Orders are and how they can be used in commercial litigation when a company is facing persistent unfounded claims. Clare asks her Litigation and Investigations colleague, Associate Megan Smith, about her recent experience and she offers some great tips on how companies can mitigate risk and address vexatious litigants. Short on time? Jump to our top tips for responding to vexatious or meritless claims.

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## **Disputes in Focus: Quick Q&A on contractual interpretation**

Many commercial disputes involve a disagreement about how a provision in a contract should be interpreted. It is important to understand how a court would approach this question to help inform what to do next when stuck in such a dispute. In this insight, Clare Reeve Curatola outlines the established principles under English law for interpreting contracts and asks fellow Litigation and Investigations partner, Oran Gelb, about his recent experience of this issue in the specific context of exclusion clauses. Oran shares his insights and gives us his top tip for managing interpretation risk when drafting contractual exclusion clauses. Short on time? Jump to our practical tips.

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