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Practice Overview

Veronique Buehrlen KC has a wide-ranging commercial litigation, international arbitration and advisory practice with special emphasis on complex energy disputes, construction and engineering (both on and offshore). She brings a unique perspective through her varied practice as Leading Counsel and International Arbitrator and having sat as a Deputy High Court Judge (Technology & Construction Court ("TCC")) from 2017-2023. As Counsel, Veronique is known for her meticulous preparation of complex, highly detailed, matters requiring penetrating and determined cross-examination of expert and other witnesses. As an International Arbitrator, Veronique is known for being fair, thoughtful and measured. She has a wealth of experience of the workings of the Technology and Construction Court, of the Commercial Court and of various international arbitral fora. As an expert in energy construction disputes, Veronique represents parties in substantial litigation. She (for instance) represented the main contractor in a multi-billion-Euro ICC arbitration following the suspension and subsequent termination of the South Stream gas pipeline project.

Having spent 20 years at Fountain Court, Veronique also has a strong commercial disputes background.

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Veronique is recommended by the leading directories for her energy, construction, and international arbitration counsel work, and as an International Arbitrator. In these guides she receives praise from those she has worked with for getting “on top of complex cases in an incredibly short time” and “working at the coal face of the dispute”. Clients appreciate her “strong commercial perspective” and forensic approach to cases, and describe Veronique as a “ferocious cross-examiner” with a “razor-sharp brain” and “laser focus on the fine detail”. Veronique was shortlisted by The Legal 500 for their prestigious International Arbitration Silk of the Year (2019 and 2024) and Arbitrator of the Year awards (2022 and 2023), and by Chambers & Partners for their International Arbitration Silk of the Year award (2023). She is ranked Band 1 for International Arbitration (Arbitrators) by Chambers & Partners, as well as for Energy & Natural Resources and International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, and as a Leading Silk by The Legal 500.

Veronique specialises in all aspects of energy and construction disputes including termination, suspension, rights to payment, varied work, force majeure, frustration, delay and disruption and defective works in relation to both onshore and offshore projects. Her experience has spanned the full spectrum of commercial litigation encompassing major trials, jurisdiction and applicable law disputes, preliminary issues and interim relief. She is familiar with all the standard form contracts including NEC, LOGIC and FIDIC.

Veronique has worked (as Counsel and International Arbitrator) on disputes arising out of projects worldwide including on (or offshore) Scotland, France, Italy, Slovakia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Algeria, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Guinea, South Africa, Brazil, Indonesia, Russia and Kazakhstan.

As an International Arbitrator, Veronique sits both as Chair and Tribunal Member and receives both party and institutional appointments. Her appointments include a broad spectrum of construction and energy disputes, as well as commercial disputes in other fields (including insurance, aviation, joint ventures, sale of goods and commodities). Veronique is a member of the ICC’s Commission on Arbitration and ADR, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the AIPA (CMC Working Group), the Society of Construction Arbitrators, and a member of several arbitrator panels, such as SIAC, DIAC and TECBAR. She has dealt with disputes regarding major infrastructure and other projects worldwide (including onshore and offshore projects in Russia, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Oman, Algeria, South Africa, Nigeria, Guinea, Congo, Brazil, Indonesia, Iraq, Mozambique and France). Veronique has sat on arbitral tribunals seated in London, Paris, Singapore, Lagos, Cape Town and various cities in the Middle East, including Riyadh, Doha and Dubai, as well as in Nigeria and South Africa. She has experience of most institutional rules (ICC, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC, UNCITRAL, etc.), as well as ad hoc arrangements and DABs (FIDIC).

In May 2017, Veronique was appointed a Deputy High Court Judge and sat regularly in the TCC on a broad range of cases for six years, until May 2023. As Judge, Arbitrator and Leading Counsel, Veronique has an in-depth understanding of the litigation and decision-making processes. As Leading Counsel, Veronique fully comprehends what a Court or Tribunal requires to reach the right decision. As Arbitrator, she remains mindful of the challenges and pressures facing the parties and their representatives.

Practice Areas

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Offshore & Marine Engineering

- Leading Counsel in relation to the construction of an offshore gas production hub dispute (TCC).
- Leading Counsel in relation to a dispute arising out of the termination of marine vessel spread supply agreements.
- Leading Counsel in relation to a Commercial Court action concerned with the installation of water injection wells on an oil field offshore Ghana.
- Advising on delay, disruption and supply issues on a major offshore wind farm project in Indonesia.
- Advising on the doctrine of frustration and force majeure arising out of the impact of the Ukraine War and sanctions in connection with an offshore wind farm project.
- Advising on force majeure and delay in connection with a US$1 billion project for the construction of an FPSO and associated facilities.
- Advising on multi-million-Euro claims in relation to allegedly defective subsea well components.
- Conducting LCIA arbitration in relation to disputes arising out of the termination of a charterparty, redelivery and decommissioning of an FPSO.
- Leading Counsel on an ICC arbitration for a major international sub-sea gas pipe laying contractor following the termination for convenience of a gas pipeline project.
- Acting for the contractor in connection with disputes arising out of the decommissioning of Brent Delta (TCC).
- Advising on pre-action protocol matters arising out of a dispute concerning modifications to the topsides of a North Sea oil rig (TCC) offshore Scotland.
- Acting on various disputes arising out of the construction of two semi-submersible rigs (Int. Arb.).
- Conducting an LMAA arbitration arising out of the sale of an exploration vessel.
- Commercial Court trial representing an international contractor in respect of a subsea gas pipeline trenching supply contract and geological issues in Asia: *James Fisher Offshore Ltd v Interact Activity Management Ltd (t/a Offshore Installation Services)*.
- Six-week ICC arbitration concerning the construction and installation of a subsea pipeline used in the first gravity-based structure for the regasification of LNG.
- Advising on construction contracts and disputes arising out of the supply of FPSOs and semi-submersible rigs and single point mooring buoys.
- Conducting an LCIA arbitration concerned with oil & gas exploration services offshore West Africa (including the provision of state-of-the-art seismic survey services).

Construction & Engineering

- Leading Counsel in relation to the construction of an offshore gas production hub dispute (TCC).

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- Leading Counsel on a dispute arising out of the construction of an oil export terminal and associated crude storage tank farm in Oman.
- Leading Counsel in relation to a Commercial Court action concerned with the installation of water injection wells on an oil field offshore Ghana.
- Leading Counsel on a dispute arising out of the decommissioning of a nuclear power station.
- Leading Counsel for the EPC Contractor in relation to claims for major construction defects arising out of an NEC3 contract (onshore jet fuel tank infrastructure facilities).
- Advising on delay, disruption and supply issues on a major offshore wind farm project in Indonesia.
- Advising on the doctrine of frustration and force majeure arising out of the impact of the Ukraine War and sanctions (offshore wind farm project; FIDIC contracts).
- Leading Counsel for a main EPC contractor in relation to disputes arising out of the construction of LNG facilities in East Africa (force majeure, suspension, delay and disruption).
- Leading Counsel on multi-million-Euro ICC arbitration arising out of the construction of a regasification plant in Kuwait (early termination; delay and disruption; variations).
- Co-counsel on multi-million-Euro ICC arbitration arising out of an EPC contract for a state-of-the-art low-density polyethylene plant in Eastern Europe (delay and disruption; defective works).
- Leading Counsel on an ICC arbitration for a major international sub-sea gas pipe laying contractor following the termination for convenience of a gas pipeline project (suspension, termination, delay, variations).
- Conducting an LCIA arbitration arising out of the termination (together with delay and disruption) of an EPC Contract for the construction of facilities for the processing and handling of wet sour crude, sour gas and effluent water from wells in northern Kuwait (early termination; delay).
- Acting for the contractor in relation to disputes following termination of a construction contract for oil & gas facilities in Iraq (termination, delay, force majeure).
- Acting for the contractor in connection with disputes arising out of the decommissioning of Brent Delta (TCC).
- Acting for the contractor in relation to a dispute arising out of delay and disruption to works for installation of new platform topside facilities (TCC) offshore Scotland.
- Acting for the bank in respect of its claim against its Project Monitoring Surveyor in relation to the construction of a property development in Manchester.
- Representing the contractors in connection with multi-million US$ claims arising out of the construction of a container port in the Caribbean, the subject of FIDIC terms including a four-week evidential hearing.
- Commercial Court trial representing an international contractor in respect of a subsea gas pipeline trenching supply contract and geological issues in Asia: James Fisher Offshore Ltd v Interact Activity Management Ltd (t/a Offshore Installation Services).

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- Six-week ICC arbitration concerning the construction and installation of a subsea pipeline used in the first gravity-based structure for the regasification of LNG.
- Four-week trial arising out of the delivery of contaminated LPG to Borealis AB's integrated olefin plant at Stenungsund and the extensive ensuing damage caused to the plant: Borealis AG v Geogas AS.

Energy & Natural Resources

- Leading Counsel in relation to the construction of an offshore gas production hub dispute (TCC).
- Leading Counsel on a dispute arising out of the construction of an oil export terminal and associated crude storage tank farm in Oman (ICC Arbitration).
- Leading Counsel in relation to a Commercial Court action concerned with the installation of water injection wells on an oil field offshore Ghana.
- Leading Counsel on a dispute arising out of the decommissioning of a nuclear power station.
- Leading Counsel for the EPC Contractor in relation to claims for major construction defects arising out of an NEC3 contract (onshore jet fuel tank infrastructure facilities) (Ad hoc Arbitration).
- Advising on delay, disruption and supply issues on a major offshore wind farm project in Indonesia.
- Advising on the doctrine of frustration and force majeure arising out of the impact of the Ukraine War and sanctions in connection with an offshore wind farm project.
- Leading Counsel on an ICC arbitration in connection with a JV and SPA dispute arising out of the development and construction of a power station in West Africa.
- Advising on force majeure and delay in connection with a US$1 billion project for the construction of an FPSO and associated facilities.
- Advising on multi-million-Euro claims in relation to allegedly defective subsea well components.
- Conducting an ICC arbitration for a major international sub-sea gas pipe laying contractor following the termination for convenience of a gas pipeline project.
- Conducting an LCIA arbitration arising out of the termination (together with delay and disruption) of an EPC Contract for the construction of facilities for the processing and handling of wet sour crude, sour gas and effluent water from wells in northern Kuwait.
- Acting for the contractor in connection with disputes arising out of the decommissioning of Brent Delta (TCC).
- Successfully representing the contractor in an ICC arbitration arising out of claims following rioting in an iron ore mine in Guinea (contract interpretation and force majeure).
- Advising on pre-action issues and pre-action protocol matters arising out of a dispute concerning modifications to the topsides of a North Sea oil rig (TCC).
- Advising on construction contracts for nuclear testing facilities.

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- Commercial Court trial representing an international contractor in respect of a subsea gas pipeline trenching supply contract and geological issues in Asia: James Fisher Offshore Ltd v Interact Activity Management Ltd (t/a Offshore Installation Services).
- Conducting an LCIA arbitration concerned with oil & gas exploration services offshore West Africa (including the provision of state-of-the-art seismic survey services).
- Six-week ICC arbitration concerning the construction and installation of a subsea pipeline used in the first gravity-based structure for the regasification of LNG.

Commercial Litigation

- Conducting ICC arbitration in connection with a JV and SPA dispute arising out of the development and construction of a power station in West Africa.
- Successfully representing the defendant insurers when challenging the jurisdiction of the English Commercial Court to hear claims for contribution arising out of alleged double insurance under Brussels I Recast: *XL Insurance Co SE v Axa Corporate Solutions SA* (Commercial Court).
- Acting for the bank in respect of its claim against its Project Monitoring Surveyor in relation to a property development in Manchester: *Governor of the Bank of Ireland v Watts* (TCC).
- Acting for the Claimant purchaser on a dispute arising out of a Share Purchase Agreement concerning the acquisition of specialised separation technology for the production of oil & gas (Commercial Court).
- Advising on breach of warranty claims arising out of a share purchase agreement for the acquisition of North Sea oil & gas assets (Commercial Court).
- Advising on decommissioning liabilities and security.
- Acting for the claimant in an action for damages for fraudulent misrepresentation in connection with the acquisition and leasing of commercial aircraft (Commercial Court).
- Successfully resisting an application for interim relief to restrain demands under performance bonds and advance-payment guarantees on construction projects in North Africa (Comm. Court): *Ouais Group Engineering and Contracting v Saipem SpA*.
- Commercial Court trial representing an international contractor in respect of a subsea gas pipeline trenching supply contract and geological issues in Asia: *James Fisher Offshore Ltd v Interact Activity Management Ltd (t/a Offshore Installation Services)*.
- Acting for an independent upstream oil & gas company, the operator of various North Sea oil fields in relation to injunction proceedings compelling the performance of sub-sea works.
- Four-week trial arising out of the delivery of contaminated LPG to Borealis AB’s integrated olefin plant at Stenungsund and the extensive ensuing damage caused to the plant: *Borealis AG v Geogas AS*.

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- Advising in relation to North Sea oil exploration licensing agreements including the transfer and assignment of licences (Comm. Court).
- LCIA arbitration arising out of shareholder and joint venture disputes in connection with oil & gas storage facilities in Russia.

International Arbitration

- Acting in numerous ICC, LCIA and other international arbitral fora as Counsel involving a variety of different areas of the law including energy, construction, sale of goods and the supply of services, commercial agency, aviation, insurance, commodities, jurisdiction and conflicts of laws.
- Leading Counsel on a dispute arising out of the construction of an oil export terminal and associated crude storage tank farm in Oman.
- Leading Counsel on an ICC arbitration in connection with a JV dispute arising out of the development and construction of a power station in West Africa.
- Co-counsel on multi-million-Euro ICC arbitration arising out of an EPC contract for a state-of-the-art low-density polyethylene plant in Eastern Europe (delay and disruption; defective works).
- Leading Counsel on multi-million-Euro ICC arbitration arising out of the construction of a regasification plant in Kuwait (early termination; delay and disruption, variations).
- Conducting LCIA arbitration in relation to disputes arising out of the termination of a charterparty, redelivery and decommissioning of an FPSO.
- Conducting an ICC arbitration for a major international sub-sea gas pipe laying contractor following the termination for convenience of a major gas pipeline project.
- Conducting an LCIA arbitration arising out of the termination (together with delay and disruption) of an EPC Contract for the construction of facilities for the processing and handling of wet sour crude, sour gas and effluent water from wells in northern Kuwait.
- Successfully representing the contractor in an ICC arbitration arising out of works for the mining of iron ore in Guinea and issues of force majeure.
- Conducting an LCIA arbitration concerned with oil & gas exploration offshore West Africa (including the provision of state-of-the-art seismic survey services).
- Conducting an ICC arbitration for a major international contractor concerned with the supply of oil rig equipment and services in Kazakhstan including various jurisdiction and conflicts of laws issues.
- Representing the Respondents in an ICC arbitration concerning the construction of a container port in the Caribbean, the subject of FIDIC terms including a four-week evidential hearing.
- Representing the Respondent contractors in a dispute as to the arbitrators' jurisdiction to hear claims and the effect of multi-tiered dispute resolution clauses.

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- Six-week ICC arbitration concerning the construction and installation of a subsea pipeline used in the first gravity-based structure for the regasification of LNG.

Infrastructure & Utilities

- Leading Counsel on a dispute arising out of the decommissioning of a nuclear power station.
- Leading Counsel for the EPC Contractor in relation to claims for major construction defects arising out of an NEC3 contract (onshore jet fuel tank infrastructure facilities).
- Advising on Gas Purchase Pricing Agreements.
- Conducting an ICC arbitration in connection with a JV dispute arising out of the development and construction of a power station in West Africa.
- Co-counsel on multi-million-Euro ICC arbitration arising out of an EPC contract for a state-of-the-art low-density polyethylene plant in Eastern Europe (delay and disruption; defective works).
- Conducting an ICC arbitration for a major international sub-sea gas pipe laying contractor following the termination for convenience of a major gas pipeline project.
- Conducting an LCIA arbitration arising out of the termination (together with delay and disruption) of an EPC Contract for the construction of facilities for the processing and handling of wet sour crude, sour gas and effluent water from wells in northern Kuwait.
- Acting for the contractors in connection with multi-million US$ claims arising out of the construction of a container port in the Caribbean, the subject of FIDIC terms including a four-week evidential hearing.
- Advising a market leader on the practical application and construction of NEC2 contracts applicable to sewage and waste water treatment works in a dispute between joint venture partners.
- Six-week ICC arbitration concerning the construction and installation of a subsea pipeline used in the first gravity-based structure for the regasification of LNG.

Insurance & Reinsurance

- Acting for insurers on claims under bonds guaranteeing construction works.
- Acting for insurers on claims for contribution based on double insurance; jurisdiction and conflicts: *XL Insurance Co SE v Axa Corporate Solutions SA (Comm. Court)*; and *XL Insurance Co SE v Axa Corporate Solutions SA & AIG Europe Ltd*.
- Advising on coverage in disputes between contractors and their insurers.
- Advising on coverage issues in connection with political risk policy arising out of damage to mining facilities following riots.
- Acting for the new owners of a well-known domestic insurance provider in relation to claims for conspiracy, unlawful interference and procuring breaches of contract in connection with the acquisition of insurance businesses.

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- Acting for the insurer on arbitration claims to recover sums due from reinsurers under three excess of loss reinsurance treaties following losses relating to hurricane damage.
- Challenging an expert determination in the context of professional negligence claims arising out of insurance binder arrangements (Commercial Court).

Arbitral Appointments

Veronique's recent arbitral appointments include:

- Chair of an Arbitral Tribunal in relation to a dispute arising out of the construction of a large-scale combined-cycle power generation plant in East Africa (ICC).
- Chair of an Arbitral Tribunal in relation to a dispute arising out of a project for the installation of a system of subsea pipelines for the transport of crude (West Africa) (LCIA).
- Chair of an Arbitral Tribunal in relation to a dispute arising out of the construction and supply of water and sewerage works in eastern Europe (ICC) (Kazakh law).
- Sole Arbitrator in relation to a dispute arising out of the construction and refurbishment of government buildings in Botswana (CIArb).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to a dispute arising out of contracts for the supply of inverters for solar farms in Queensland, Australia (ICC).
- Chair of an Arbitral Tribunal in relation to a dispute arising out of the impact of sanctions on calls made on bonds issued in connection with a major LNG infrastructure project situated in Russia (ICC) (seated in Paris).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to a dispute arising out of a consortium arrangement for the construction of lagoon works (QICCA) (seated in Doha; Qatari law).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to a dispute arising out of a drilling contract relating to an offshore drilling unit for wells offshore Guinea (LCIA).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to a dispute arising out of a consortium agreement for the construction of various thermal power plant units in Turkey (ICC) (seated in Vienna; Turkish law).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to a dispute arising out of the construction of a road project in northern Ethiopia (ICC) (seated in London; Ethiopian law).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in connection with a dispute arising out of a hotel project in Riyadh (ICC) (seated in Riyadh; Saudi law).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in connection with disputes arising out of the sale of power generation equipment and related services (LCIA).
- Sole Arbitrator in connection with a dispute arising out of the upgrade of a hydrodesulphurisation unit and hydrogen production unit at an oil refinery (IChemE Pink Book).

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- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to breach of warranty claims under a share purchase agreement for a refinery (LCIA) (Danish law).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in connection with a dispute arising out of a FEED contract in relation to chemical processing facilities in the Middle East (ICC).
- Chair of an Arbitral Tribunal in relation to a dispute arising out of a Share Sale Agreement and hazardous waste treatment facilities in Saudi Arabia (ICC).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in connection with a dispute arising out of the supply and installation of tracker systems for a photovoltaic project in the Middle East (ICC).
- Sole Arbitrator under a FIDIC EPC contract for the construction of a distribution centre in the UK (domestic ad hoc).
- Emergency Arbitrator, anti-suit injunction, sanctions, wind farm project (ICC).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in connection with JV disputes arising out of the construction of a major rail infrastructure project in the Middle East (ICC).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in connection with a dispute arising out of the upgrade and expansion of refineries in the Middle East (ICC).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to a dispute arising out of the construction of a Methanol and Dimethyl Plant (ICC).
- Chair of an Arbitral Tribunal in relation to a dispute arising out of the construction of a tank storage terminal (ICC).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to disputes arising out of a US$3.6 billion project for the EP&C of refinery facilities (ICC).
- Sole Arbitrator in relation to a dispute arising out of subcontract works on a jet fuel supply project (ICC) (Qatari law).
- Chair of an Arbitral Tribunal in connection with a dispute arising out of contracts for the sale of crude and the impact of sanctions (ICC) (seated in Singapore).
- Chair of an Arbitral Tribunal in relation to a dispute arising out of an EPC contract for the construction of oil terminal facilities (ICC).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to a commodity trade finance dispute (ad hoc).
- Sole Arbitrator in an aircraft leasing dispute (LCIA).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to claims arising out of oil shipments (ad hoc).
- Chair of an Arbitral Tribunal in relation to a construction payment dispute (ICC) (seated in Qatar).
- Chair of an Arbitral Tribunal in relation to an insurance coverage dispute (LCIA).
- Sole Arbitrator in relation to a claim arising out of defective roofing on a state-of-the-art, high profile UK facility (CIArb).
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to a dispute arising out of a Production Sharing Contract for Joint Petroleum Development (ICC).
- Chair of an Arbitral Tribunal in relation to claims arising out of termination of a contract for the purchase of iron ore (LCIA).

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- Party-appointed Arbitrator in relation to claims arising out of a contract for the construction, development and operation of a hydropower plant (ICC).
- Sole Arbitrator appointment in relation to claims arising out of contracts for the supply of iron ore crushers and construction of an iron ore beneficiation plant (ICC).
- Sole Arbitrator appointment in relation to claims arising out of an International Daywork Drilling Contract for the drilling of oil wells in the Middle East (ICC).
- Sole Arbitrator appointment in relation to claims arising out of a Charter Service Agreement for offshore transport services (ICC).

Reported Cases

- Tullow Ghana Ltd v Vallourec Oil and Gas France SAS [2025] EWHC 3059 (Comm)
- Dolphin Geophysical AS v Oranto Petroleum Ltd [2013] EWHC 4082 (Comm)
- Ouais Group Engineering and Contracting v Saipem SpA [2013] EWHC 990 (Comm)
- James Fisher Offshore Ltd v Interact Activity Management Ltd (t/a Offshore Installation Services) [2013] EWHC 1941 (Comm)
- Borealis AG v Geogas AS [2011] 1 Lloyd’s Rep 482; [2010] All ER (D) 110 and [2010] EWHC 2789 (Comm)
- Hamishmar Insurance Agency Ltd v First City Partnership [2010] Lloyd’s Rep IR 215; [2010] All ER (D) 33 and [2009] EWHC 256 (Comm)
- Econet Wireless Ltd v Vee Networks Ltd [2006] 2 All ER (Comm) 989 and [2006] EWHC 1568 (Comm)
- Gulf Insurance Limited v Central Bank of Trinidad & Tobago [2005] 3 WLUK 303 (Privy Council)
- Lloyd’s TSB Bank v Hayward [2005] EWCA Civ 466
- Lloyd’s TSB Bank v Hayward [2004] EWHC 1798 (Ch)
- Dollfus Mieg et Companies v CDW International Ltd [2003] 3 WLUK 446

Other information

Education & Professional Career

- Middle Temple Bencher, 2023

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- Deputy High Court Judge, Queen’s/King's Bench Division, 2017-2023
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2013
- Keating Chambers, 2011 to date
- Queen’s Counsel, 2010
- Fountain Court Chambers, 1991-2011
- Called to the Bar, 1991
- Middle Temple Bristow Scholar, 1992
- Middle Temple, Queen Mother's Scholar, 1990-1991
- Bar School (Very Competent), 1991
- Diploma in Law, City University, Distinction, 1990
- KPMG’s Strategy Consultancy Group, 1988-1989
- MA Hons. St Andrews, First Class (French and International Relations), 1984-1988

Additional Information

Veronique is bilingual English/French.

Seminars & Publications

- "European Regulations on Air Carrier Liability" in *Carriage by Air*, edited by Trevor Philipson QC.

Veronique gives regular seminars on various topics relevant to her energy, construction and arbitration practice. Recent examples include “Marine Spreads” at the Energy Masterclass 2026, “New Frontiers in Delay and Disruption Analysis” during Paris Arbitration Week 2026 and “Drilling Down: Liability and Damages in Energy Disputes” (GAR Live Energy 2026).

Recommendations

"She has always been a great partner to us."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2027

"Unmatched. She is a fierce advocate who leaves no stone unturned. She is a pleasure to work with."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2027

"Veronique is an astonishing lawyer. She has really good strategic views. She is perfectly on top of everything in very complex cases. She knows all of the details of the case because she is a hard worker."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2027

"Veronique is quite a ruthless, tenacious and effective cross-examiner."

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"Veronique is quite a ruthless, tenacious and effective cross-examiner."

International Arbitration: Arbitrators, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2027

"Veronique is a strong barrister."

Energy & Natural Resources, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2027

"Veronique is unmatched. She is a fierce advocate, leaves no stone unturned and is a pleasure to work with."

Energy & Natural Resources, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2027

"She is good at building a rapport with the tribunal and robust at dealing with the other side."

Construction, Legal 500 UK Bar 2027

"She gets to the issues, powers through the issues, and manages parties well."

International Arbitration: Arbitrators, Legal 500 UK Bar 2027

"Veronique is very thorough and prepared; she's an expert on the subject matter but her ability to be on top of what is going on and sensible about procedure is one of the things I like most."

Energy & Natural Resources, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"Veronique is a highly skilled expert in the construction field, with an impressive depth of experience."

Energy & Natural Resources, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"Veronique is thorough and prepared. She is excellent at analysing legal and intellectual issues."

International Arbitration: Arbitrators, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"Veronique is excellent, has a great manner and is very authoritative."

International Arbitration: Arbitrators, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"Veronique Buehrlen was very well prepared and went into the details."

International Arbitration: Arbitrators, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"A real go-to barrister for complex energy and construction projects. Veronique is someone I would only ever want on my side - she is a ferocious opponent."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"Veronique was excellent, really polished and her advocacy was really well prepared."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"Veronique Buehrlen is an excellent counsel with a fantastic eye for detail."

Energy & Natural Resources, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Veronique Buehrlen is always very well prepared, extremely clever and has great legal and practical skills."

International Arbitration: Arbitrators, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"She's very diligent, very smart and a delight to work with."

International Arbitration: Arbitrators, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Veronique is an excellent arbitrator."

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"She is a ferocious advocate and throws herself into the case from the very start."

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"Veronique is our first port of call for complex disputes in the energy and construction sectors."

International Arbitration: Arbitrators, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"She is in a class of her own. Veronique has encyclopaedic attention to detail, and articulates complex arguments in a compelling way."

Energy, Legal 500 UK Bar 2025

"Strong command of material. Very efficient and keeps on top of case with good planning. A superb intellect."

International Arbitration: Arbitrators, Legal 500 UK Bar 2025

"Veronique is sharp, to the point and always on top of the case. She knows every detail of the case without losing focus on the bigger picture. She is an absolute pleasure to work with."

International Arbitration: Counsel, Legal 500 UK Bar 2025

"Veronique's ability to untangle convoluted technical, delay and quantum issues and present them in a clear and unambiguous style is genuinely impressive."

Legal 500 UK Bar 2024

"Veronique is very effective; she makes the difficult decisions."

Chambers UK Bar 2024

"Veronique is an extremely capable counsel. She is thorough, well prepared and a force to reckon with during cross-examination."

Legal 500 UK Bar 2023

"Her ability to untangle convoluted technical, delay and quantum issues and present them in a clear and unambiguous style is genuinely impressive."

Legal 500 UK Bar 2023

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Energy, Chambers UK Bar 2020

"Has a lovely, measured style to her advocacy, and a huge grasp of the detail that ensures she gets her points over."

International Arbitration, Legal 500 2020

"Calmly dismantles the opposition’s arguments with a sharp sense of detail and nuance."

Energy, Legal 500 2020

"A barrister with a strong commercial perspective who is tough when she needs to be."

Energy, Chambers UK Bar 2019

"She has an amazingly agile brain with her incisiveness and the intensity of her application. Her being bilingual is also a great benefit."

International Arbitration, Chambers UK Bar 2018

"She is enthusiastic from the very start and works at the coal face, getting into the nitty-gritty."

Energy & Natural Resources, Chambers Global 2018

"Always on top of the detail and excellent at constructing a narrative."

Energy, Legal 500 2017

"A terrifyingly clever and hands-on counsel, and a fierce advocate."

International Arbitration, Legal 500 2017

"Solicitors like her as she’s good at managing clients’ expectations."

Energy & Natural Resources, Chambers & Partners UK 2017