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Areas of expertise

Corporate and Financial Services Disputes >

Crypto Disputes >

Dispute Resolution >

Enforcement of Judgments and Awards >

Fraud and Asset Tracing >

Funds Disputes >

Legal >

Restructuring and Insolvency >

Shareholder and Valuation Disputes >

Background and experience

Gemma advises on a broad range of complex commercial and cross-border disputes including contentious insolvency proceedings, shareholder claims and corporate governance issues.

She regularly advises and appears on behalf of both creditors and defendant companies in relation to creditors' winding up petitions, advises shareholders of Cayman-domiciled companies on winding up on the just and equitable ground; advises and appears for liquidators on sanction applications and other matters arising in relation to the liquidation estate, and advises fund managers and directors in relation to solvent and insolvent wind-downs.

Gemma is part of Ogier's multi-disciplinary Restructuring and Insolvency team. She specialises in formal insolvency procedures, statutory remedies, and investor and shareholder rights/actions, with experience in distressed funds and private equity.

Her experience includes a number of key cases for the development of the insolvency, Restructuring and Insolvency regime in the Cayman Islands, including but not limited to *In the matter of CW Group Holdings* (Cause no. FSD 113 and 122 of 2018), *In the matter of China Shanshui Cement Group Limited* (Cause no. FSD 161 of 2018), *In the matter of FamilyMart China Holding Co Ltd* (Cause no. FSD 195 of 2018), *In the matter of the Torchlight Fund LP* (Cause no. 103 of 2015) and *In the matter of Natural Dairy* (Cause no. FSD 186 of 2016).

Prior to joining Ogier, Gemma was an Associate at another major offshore law firm, having worked in both their Cayman and Hong Kong offices. A graduate of the University of Sydney, Gemma spent five years working in the Banking, Restructuring and Insolvency Team of Henry Davis York Lawyers in Sydney before relocating offshore in early 2016.

Gemma is also a member of the International Insolvency Institute's NextGen Leadership

program, a member of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) and the Chair of the Cayman Islands IWIRC network.

Admitted in:

2016 - Cayman Islands

2011 - New South Wales, Australia and High Court, Australia

Examples of work

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Case

14 July 2021

Ogier advises Xiezhong International on US\$31.3 million privatisation and delisting from the HKSE

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News and insights

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Interim remedies in shareholder disputes in the Cayman Islands

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Cayman Islands welcomes amendments to the Companies Act to streamline the capital reduction process for listed companies

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Praise for Ogier's "client-centric" Cayman team in Chambers Global 2024

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Ogier's Cayman team noted for its depth of expertise in latest Legal 500 Caribbean rankings

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Demystifying jurisdiction and ownership of crypto assets

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Recognition

"Gemma Lardner at Ogier is a good lawyer who is hard-working and very active"

Chambers Global, 2024

"Gemma Lardner is exceptionally attentive, clear in her communication of

complex legal matters, and practical in her strategic advice"

Chambers Global, 2022

"An incredibly talented advocate"

Chambers Global, 2023

"Key Lawyer"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023

"Gemma Lardner is technically excellent"

Chambers Global, 2022

"First-class... I could not speak highly enough about her contribution and her support for us in this matter"

Client Feedback, 2020

"Hardworking and resourceful, providing essential litigation nous"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2020