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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 companies and creditor groups in relation to restructuring, schemes of arrangement and capital reorganisation, 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 and informal 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 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 G3 Exploration Limited* (Cause no, FSD 197 of 2020), *In the matter of CW Group Holdings* (Cause no. FSD 113 and 122 of 2018) and *In the matter of the Torchlight Fund LP* (Cause no. 103 of 2015).

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 a frequent speaker on industry panels, co-chaired the Offshore Day at INSOL 2024, and writes extensively on legal developments in her jurisdiction for a range of industry publications. She is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the International Insolvency Institute's NextGen Program and a member of its Executive Committee, a member of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), former Chair of the Cayman Islands IWIRC network and current At-Large director of IWIRC International. Gemma was voted RISA Next Gen Practitioner of the Year in 2021, nominated as one of INSOL's Future Forty in 2022 and selected as a member of ABI's 40 under 40 class of 2024.

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

Nathan Powell

Team: Janice Chu 朱嘉仪, Marc Kish, Gemma Bellfield (nee Lardner), Dunzelle Daker

Cayman Islands, Hong Kong

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News and insights

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The Privy Council confirms shareholders have a personal claim against a company for improper exercises of power

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Company directors and the scope of the creditor duty in the... zone of insolvency: Lessons for the Cayman Islands from the UK and Singapore

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会社の不当な権限行使に対する少数株主の訴訟権

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Team: Nicholas Brookes, Corey Byrne, Romauld Johnson

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Recognition

"Gemma Lardner is a very tenacious and very tough opponent, and she is very creative in the legal arguments she deploys"

Chambers Global, 2024

"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