

OLIVIA DARLINGTON JOINS CLYDE & CO MIDDLE EAST INSURANCE PRACTICE

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[Clyde & Co](#) has expanded its Middle East insurance practice with the appointment of financial lines insurance specialist, **Olivia Darlington** (pictured) as a partner based in Dubai, UAE.

Darlington has broad expertise in contentious insurance matters specialising in Professional Indemnity, FI, D&O and Cyber business lines; she regularly advises on the defence of high-value claims against professional services firms, financial institutions and directors/officers and on complex coverage matters. Darlington also has extensive experience acting as breach response counsel in the event of cyber breaches.

Darlington joins from Simmons & Simmons, where she was Head of Insurance for the Middle East & Africa and Of Counsel for the firm's Dispute Resolution – Insurance & Construction Group. Her experience spans the UK and Middle East regions after moving to Dubai in 2019.

Mark Beswetherick, insurance partner at Clyde & Co, says: "We are very excited to welcome Olivia to the team. She is highly regarded for her technical expertise and has strong relationships with insurers and a deep understanding of the regional insurance market's needs. She will be a highly valuable addition to bolster our insurance offering in the region."

Olivia Darlington adds: "Clyde & Co is the leading insurance firm in the Middle East and I see no better platform from which to grow my practice. I look forward to working with my new colleagues and supporting clients with their insurance matters."