

# **GREAT Legal Services Delegation International Bar Association Annual Conference**

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# Showcasing the excellence of UK legal services

On behalf of the UK Government's GREAT Legal Services campaign, we are delighted to support this group of UK legal professionals at this year's International Bar Association conference in Toronto.

The UK has the largest legal services market in Europe and is second only to the US globally, accounting for about 6.5% of global legal services fee revenue.

Legal services, and English and Welsh Law, are among the UK's greatest exports. They have been supporting trade and commerce around the world for generations.

Our legal system lies at the centre of the UK's economic prosperity and is a magnet for international businesses that are drawn to a fair, effective and transparent legal jurisdiction that is underpinned by exceptional expertise.



# Meet the UK Delegates

## 2 Temple Gardens

2 Temple Gardens is a leading civil and commercial chambers. It consists of experienced advocates who appear in courts and arbitral tribunals at all levels throughout the UK and overseas. 2 Temple Gardens provides pragmatic commercial advice, combined with unrivalled specialist knowledge across all of its practice areas.



### Emma Walker

#### Barrister

Emma is a skilled and experienced commercial disputes and international arbitration specialist and advocate. Emma is registered in Part II of the Dubai International Financial Centre's Register of Legal Practitioners with full rights of audience. Emma is also an accredited mediator and has authorisation from the Bar Standards Board to undertake Public Access work.

Emma brings expertise in a wide range of complex disputes, across a wide breadth of industry sectors, including banking and finance, energy, maritime, aviation, construction and insurance. She undertakes work which is multi-faceted, drawing from her experience in commercial, construction, insurance, insolvency, employment and arbitration. Many of her cases have an international and cross-border element.

# Meet the UK Delegates

## Atkin Chambers

Atkin Chambers has an international reputation for providing specialist advocates and experts in all forms of dispute resolution, with extensive expertise in construction and engineering, infrastructure, energy and natural resources, shipbuilding and offshore construction, transport, IT and telecommunications and professional negligence.



### **Chantal-Aimée Doerries KC**

#### **Head of Chambers**

Chantal-Aimée has a wide-ranging practice in domestic and international commercial dispute resolution, with particular emphasis on energy and natural resources, construction, engineering and infrastructure projects, joint ventures, professional negligence, shipbuilding, and IT and telecommunications.



### **David Barnes**

#### **CEO and Director of Clerking**

David has primary responsibility for managing the practice of each member of chambers and for delivering a high-quality service to members' clients globally. His detailed knowledge of each member's respective practice ensures he is well-placed to advise clients on the most appropriate counsel for their case.



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## The Barrister Group

The Barrister Group is a modern-day barristers' chambers established in 2001 as Clerksroom. It is a new chambers model which invests in its people, prioritises respect between its members and clients, and harnesses technology to modernise its operations far beyond the standard of its time. By uniting the remarkable skills of barristers with award-winning technology, the Barrister Group has established one of the largest and most accessible barristers' chambers in England & Wales.



### **Omololu Thomas**

#### **Barrister and Arbitrator**

Omololu is a dual qualified barrister in Nigeria and the United Kingdom with a track record of litigation and advice in a wide range of criminal, civil, commercial and maritime cases. He regularly appears before the courts and tribunals in England and Wales and has recorded remarkable success in most of his cases. Omololu is a recognised Arbitrator with the Private Arbitration Court and authorised by the Bar Standards Board to undertake Public Access Work.

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## Chadwick Lawrence Solicitors

Chadwick Lawrence is a multi-disciplinary firm specialising in corporate, commercial property transactions, mergers and acquisitions, conveyancing, litigation, regulatory, probate, family, employment, media and reputational, construction, debt recovery, personal injury and medical negligence.



### **Asma Iqbal**

#### **Partner**

Asma is a Partner at Chadwick Lawrence LLP and heads the Corporate Recovery and Insolvency Department, joining the firm in 2008.

As well as her legal work Asma is the Inclusivity Champion for the Business Board for West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Deputy Business Advisor to the Mayor of West Yorkshire.



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## Clyde & Co

Clyde & Co is a global law firm with a strong presence in the City of London and a global network of offices. The firm specialises in sectors like insurance, transport, energy, infrastructure and trade & commodities. The firm is known for its strong insurance practice, particularly in contentious work, shipping and maritime law. Clyde & Co has expanded significantly over the past decade, becoming a major player in the global legal market.



### **Pavani Reddy**

#### **Legal Director**

Pavani is an international disputes lawyer with strong sanctions and civil fraud expertise. She has significant experience in complex and high value international commercial matters both in arbitration and litigation and has handled several high profile cases before the UK courts.





# Meet the UK Delegates

## DAC Beachcroft

DAC Beachcroft is a broad-based commercial firm serving a wide range of sectors with a strong heritage in insurance, health and real estate. They combine excellent legal skills and cutting-edge delivery expertise to design solutions that fit the needs of our clients – often involving clever uses of technology. Being an international firm, with a London hub connected to their strong regional UK presence, enables them to deliver against the evolving needs of their clients. Their relentless determination to deliver a bespoke service means each client receives what they value most – expert advice, tailored to their specific needs.



### **Clarissa Coleman**

#### **Partner**

Clarissa Coleman is Head of International Arbitration and a partner in the Commercial Litigation and Disputes group in the firm's London office, which was named “Arbitration Team of the Year” at the British Legal Awards 2022. Clarissa advises corporates and individuals on multi jurisdictional arbitration and disputes, enforcement strategies, reputation and crisis management, internal and external investigations, ethics and governance.





# Meet the UK Delegates

## Druces

Founded in 1767 and flourishing more than 250 years later. Druces combine cutting-edge legal advice with a responsive, partner-led service and prides itself on the long-term relationships they build with clients. They provide high-value expertise in the areas of corporate and capital markets, banking and finance, private wealth, dispute resolution and residential and commercial real estate.



### **Richard Bailey**

#### **Partner**

Richard heads the Druces construction, engineering and international arbitration group. He is an experienced solicitor with more than 25 years experience in both contentious and non contentious work in English law. He has been involved in projects in the UK, Germany, Czech Republic, Iraq and Dubai and his clients include contractors and subcontractors, property owners and developers, consultants and project stakeholders.



# Meet the UK Delegates

## Enyo Law

Enyo Law is a disputes only, conflict-free law firm. It was set up after the 2008 financial crash to fill the gap where full service law firms were not able (or not prepared) to act against banks and other corporates. The firm has subsequently grown and now acts for a wide variety of clients on a huge range of civil, insolvency and fraud disputes. It has clients from across the world. It does not "flag plant" in foreign jurisdictions and has not opened foreign offices or have special relationships with local law firms, as they believe that working with local law firms best suited to the client's case, best serves their clients.



### **Lucinda Orr**

#### **Partner**

Lucinda has a broad commercial disputes practice, with substantial experience of complex, high-value cross-border litigation and long trials. She has acted for many high net worth individuals, large institutions, and nation states, in some of the most consequential trials to come before the English courts in recent years.



### **George Maling**

#### **Senior Partner**

George has more than 30 years experience in litigation and arbitration and has represented high net worth individuals through to international companies in large complex cases over a distinguished career.



# Meet the UK Delegates

## Freeths

Freeths is a leading national law firm with 13 offices across the UK, including a Scottish Law practice based in Glasgow. Renowned for delivering high-quality, practical legal advice, Freeths combines innovation and client satisfaction with a strong reputation for excellence. The firm offers a comprehensive range of legal services for businesses and individuals, with a particular focus on cross-border collaboration and international arbitration. Freeths is committed to providing tailored solutions that meet the evolving needs of its clients, ensuring they receive expert guidance in navigating complex legal challenges.



### **Lindsey Clegg**

#### **Partner**

Lindsey Clegg is a highly regarded expert in international arbitration and complex cross-border disputes. Her practice spans aviation, commercial, and finance disputes, making her a trusted advisor for clients facing high-stakes, multijurisdictional challenges.

Lindsey also excels in assisting clients with contractual matters, including drafting, interpretation, enforcement, renegotiation, and risk management. As the leader of the Dispute Resolution Practice Group for the Baker Tilly International Network, Lindsey collaborates with legal professionals across over 100 jurisdictions, bringing a global perspective and unparalleled expertise to her work. Her ability to deliver strategic, innovative solutions makes her an invaluable asset to clients seeking success in international arbitration and dispute resolution.

# Meet the UK Delegates

## Gatehouse Chambers

Gatehouse Chambers is a leading barristers' chambers specialising in commercial, construction, and property law. Based in London, they offer expert advocacy and advisory services delivered by accomplished barristers known for their pragmatic approach and technical excellence. The chambers combines depth of expertise with responsive client service, providing strategic legal solutions to complex disputes across the UK and internationally.



### **Amanda Illing**

#### **Chief Executive**

Amanda's role as CEO of Gatehouse Chambers is to take a lead in the strategic development and management of chambers and to implement its business plan. She takes a key role with colleagues in developing business and long-lasting relationships with clients. Amanda was previously the Private Secretary to the UK Director of Public Prosecutions and was awarded Legal 500's prestigious Senior Clerk/Chief Executive of the Year Award 2019.



### **Frederico Singarajah**

#### **Barrister & Arbitrator**

Frederico is a leading barrister specialising in international commercial dispute resolution, with deep expertise in both litigation and arbitration. He is particularly known for his work in international trade and investment disputes, and his diverse background—as a solicitor, in-house counsel, and now at the Bar—equips him to handle high-value, complex, and high-profile cases with strategic insight.

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## Gough Square Chambers

Gough Square are a leading set of chambers advising and appearing in court for a wide range of clients in relation to regulatory compliance, particularly in the consumer facing sectors, including FMCG and food. Members of Chambers act for UK clients and for those seeking to do business in England and Wales, whether online or physically present. Gough Square Chambers support clients in both contentious and non-contentious matters over the whole regulatory spectrum including product safety and liability, product description, environmental claims, and consumer finance.



### **David Travers KC**

#### **Barrister, King's Counsel**

David Travers KC is recognised by the independent directories as a leading practitioner in a number of regulatory fields including safety, consumer protection, environmental law, inquiries and life sciences. He acts for clients from both within and outside the UK, ranging from major commercial and industrial concerns to retailers. He also acts for UK Regulatory Bodies and Local Authorities.

David has practiced at the Bar for over 40 years and, since 1990, his practice has predominantly been within the regulatory arena. He has particular expertise in safety related issues and environmental matters as well as in regulatory compliance in the context of consumer protection, whether concerning FMCG, food, or services. He is aware of the commercial needs of clients and has experience as a non-executive director. For most of the last decade David was Visiting Professor in the Business Accountability and Responsibility Centre at the University of South Wales.



# Meet the UK Delegates

## Keidan Harrison

Keidan Harrison LLP is a boutique City of London law firm, established in May 2020 and specialising in dispute resolution and insolvency. They act for international and UK businesses funds, asset managers, pension trustees, insolvency practitioners and high-net-worth individuals. Their approach is partner-led and highly personalised, ensuring clients' needs are at the forefront every step of the way.



### **Luke Harrison**

#### **Partner & Solicitor Advocate**

Luke co-founded Keidan Harrison LLP in May 2020. Luke's practice covers a broad spectrum of commercial disputes, insolvency and restructuring disputes. His work involves litigation in English and international commercial courts, international arbitration and negotiated dispute resolution. He has particular expertise in contentious insolvency and restructuring advisory, fraud and asset recovery, banking and financial services, company and partnership, professional negligence claims and technology disputes. Luke is former co-chair of London International Disputes Week and a former chairman of the Commercial Litigation Association.

# Meet the UK Delegates

## Multilaw

Multilaw is a global network of independent law firms, providing clients with top-tier legal services across a wide range of industries. They specialise in offering legal expertise in areas such as corporate law, litigation, intellectual property and real estate and have a network that spans across key international markets, ensuring clients receive seamless, high-quality service wherever they do business.



### **Adam Cooke**

#### **CEO**

With extensive experience in international legal services, Adam has led Multilaw's growth, forging strong relationships across the legal community and positioning the organisation as a leader in its field. Under his leadership, Multilaw has expanded its footprint and further strengthened its international presence. Adam is particularly focused on practice group development and leveraging his global network to enhance collaboration within the legal sector.





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## Newfields

Newfields is a professional services firm specialising in visa, immigration and global mobility. The firm is organised into four key sectors: corporate; sport; health; and private client/high net-worth. Newfields is the largest firm of its type in Wales and the largest UK non-City practice. The firm has been shortlisted twice nationally in the Law Society Excellence Awards and has won 'Niche Law Firm of the Year' in each of the past three years in the Welsh Legal Awards, as well as being a UK Government Export Champion.



### **Glyn Lloyd**

#### **Director & Managing Partner**

Founder of Newfields, Glyn oversees the commercial, sport and government/public sector work at the firm and advises on all key immigration routes and compliance duties. He was shortlisted for Entrepreneur of the Year (Business Leaders 2022) and won 'Business of the Year' (Business Leaders 2022).



### **Sam Bass**

#### **Senior Associate**

Sam leads the Government and Public Sector team. Sam works with public authorities and supports the firm's commitments to deliver advice and training services tailored to NHS bodies in Wales and Welsh Government's Social Care Workforce Policy Team.



# Meet the UK Delegates

## Prosperant

Prosperant is a partnership designed to drive real progress in the business of law. Founded in 2020, their team brings true strategic consulting capabilities to legal services, from top-tier private practice to the most progressive models at the Bar. They develop compelling commercial strategies for the world's leading law firms, launch extraordinary new legal businesses and bring peerless insight and expertise to investments, mergers, acquisitions and buy-outs.



### David Burgess

#### Partner

David is known for his deep understanding and insights into the legal industry. His ability to anticipate market trends and adapt to the evolving needs of the legal community has been a strong component of his career for the past 30 years. In recent years, he has spent time commuting between the UK and the US, focusing on the increasing recognition of the Transatlantic future of law.

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Thorntons 

Thorntons is a rapidly expanding Scottish law firm with a vision to accelerate Scotland's growth by supporting businesses across the country and internationally. They've experienced 65% growth in just four years, maintaining active interests across Europe, Middle East, Asia and North America. As an independent firm they offer genuine opportunities for cross-border collaboration and reciprocal referral partnerships.



## Jacqueline Moore

**Partner**

Jacqueline is Head of Global Mobility and Immigration at Thorntons and co-founder of the International Families Group. With over 25 years' experience in immigration law, Jacqueline supports individuals and families navigate the UK immigration system and relocate to Scotland. Her experience covers every type of visa and nationality application, with a particular focus on complex and niche areas, including international adoption and double-descent nationality cases.



## Chris Gardiner

**Partner**

Chris specialises in advising UK based and international individuals and families on tax efficient estate planning. He co-founded Thorntons International Families Group and is often instructed as part of a multi-jurisdictional team of advisors to provide holistic and practical estate planning advice to high-net-worth families, with assets in multiple jurisdictions.

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Tyr is a full-service commercial law firm which ensures that all its partners and senior fee-earners have backgrounds in leading national and international practices and experience in dealing with complex commercial issues. With an office in the heart of Leeds’ business district, Tyr offers the expertise provided by leading law firms but with a personal touch and a focus on providing consistently excellent service.



## Alistair Kennedy

### Founding Partner and Head of Commercial Litigation

Alistair deals with complex and high value commercial disputes for a wide range of clients. An Alumni of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Programme, having completed the programme at the University of Oxford in 2024, Alistair is the owner of a successful and growing UK law firm as well as being a highly capable and technical lawyer.



## Matthew Fidler

### Founding Partner and Commercial Litigation Partner

Like Alistair, Matthew is a founding partner and owner of Tyr. Alongside Alistair he has pioneered an exceptional growth journey for Tyr over the past 5 year and does so whilst maintaining a market leading disputes practice.



# Associates

We are pleased to promote a number of campaign associates - made up of previous campaign delegates, campaign ambassadors and friends - who will be present in Toronto for the IBA and attending select events in our programme.



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Angharad Start - Barrister : 3 Verulam Buildings



Al-Karim Makhani - Vice President : TransPerfect Legal



Robert Wheal - Partner : White & Case



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Azizur Rahman - Senior Partner : Rahman Ravelli



David Greene - Senior Partner : Edwin & Coe



Jeffrey Golden KC - Barrister : 3 Hare Court Chambers



Paul Marmor - Partner : Sherrards



# Why choose the UK?

## **The UK is a global legal powerhouse...**

- In 2023, the sector contributed £37bn to the UK economy. Around 368,000 people are employed by the sector with talent and expertise spread across every nation and region.
- UK law firms and chambers are truly global with international networks that can help you navigate complex cross-border work, and the UK's legal education and training facilities continue to attract the best global talent. The largest international law firms in London have 42% of their lawyers abroad. Additionally, in 2022, 4,345 overseas students were accepted on to courses to study law at undergraduate level in England and Wales, and in 2021/22, 1,070 overseas lawyers were admitted to the roll.
- Seven of the top 20 law firms in the world are headquartered in the UK. There are more than 200 foreign law firms from around 40 jurisdictions operating here. All the world's top 50 law firms have offices in London, and there are more than 7,000 foreign lawyers practising in England and Wales.

## **English and Welsh Law is the global standard for business...**

- At the core of the UK's international leadership and reputation is English and Welsh Law. It is the basis of 27% of the world's 320 legal jurisdictions.
- It is by some margin the world's preferred choice for use in commercial cross-border contracts, known for fairness, transparency and for providing predictable outcomes. English law judgments are accepted almost everywhere improving enforcement, making it the industry standard in many sectors, including maritime, insurance and financial services.
- In 2019, it was estimated to have governed around £250bn of global M&A and 40% of global corporate arbitrations. It deals with £80bn worth of insurance contracts annually and trillions of pounds in over-the-counter derivatives transactions and metals trading.



# Why choose the UK?

## **The UK is trusted for legal excellence and the rule of law...**

- UK legal services are founded on our core ideals: honesty, fairness, and integrity. Our unwavering commitment to the rule of law creates an environment in which businesses can flourish, lawyers and judges can operate without fear of penalty, and legal matters can be dealt with swiftly and fairly.
- The UK is world-renowned for its independent judiciary and the high calibre of its legal expertise. Judges are respected for their intellect, experience and strong commercial acumen. Backed by advanced legal institutions and a world-leading legal profession, they uphold the rule of law and provide the trust and predictability that makes the UK a safe destination for business.

## **We have world-class courts and dispute resolution facilities...**

- Alongside an impartial judiciary and world-class legal expertise, our institutions are second to none. London is the most attractive centre for commercial litigation and international arbitration, particularly in the maritime sector, outperforming New York and other competitors.
- In the UK, Alternative Dispute Resolution services continue to be provided across a range of activities and sectors at a domestic and international level. In 2023, the total number of commercial and civil disputes raised through arbitration, mediation and adjudication totalled more than 28,601. The London Maritime Arbitrators Association continues to lead the caseload statistics with 1,845 new cases.
- Additionally, the publication by LawtechUK of the 2021 Digital Dispute Resolution Rules placed us far ahead of any other jurisdiction in our pursuit of innovation and use of technology in dispute resolution.

# Why choose the UK?

## **An innovative and adaptable legal system...**

- Our liberal approach to regulation continues to support innovation, and we are constantly adapting to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global environment.
- The passage of the 2025 Arbitration Act enhances the clarity, efficiency, and accessibility of arbitration in the UK by simplifying procedures to reduce costs, protecting arbitrators from unreasonable lawsuits, and strengthening the courts' powers to support emergency arbitration so time-sensitive decisions can be made more easily.
- Additionally, the Digital Assets Bill currently going through UK parliament will clarify that certain digital assets can be classed as personal property. The Bill will cement English and Welsh law, and the UK, as the forward looking, international law of choice.

## **And lead the world on technology and AI...**

- The UK legal sector is also responding to opportunities presented by Generative AI. In 2024, a LexisNexis survey found that the number of lawyers in the UK using Generative AI for work purposes had almost quadrupled in a little over a year, and that 82% of lawyers now use or plan to use AI for work.
- The UK is home to 365 legal tech companies, 44% of all legal tech start-ups in Europe. Many of these companies are industry-leading and in 2023 they attracted more than £5.5bn of investment.

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## The UK's GREAT Legal Services campaign

The GREAT Legal Services campaign, run by the Ministry of Justice, is the UK Government's primary vehicle to promote the strength and breadth of the UK's legal services sector and expertise overseas. It also promotes the use of English and Welsh Law, our independent judiciary and the UK as a legal centre, and showcases the UK as a tech and innovation trailblazer. It forms part of the wider GREAT campaign, the UK's award-winning international marketing programme.

## The UK's Department for Business and Trade

This delegation programme is being delivered in partnership with the UK's Department for Business and Trade (DBT). DBT helps businesses export, drives inward and outward investment, negotiates market access and trade deals, and champions free trade. We are an international economic department, responsible for:

- supporting and encouraging UK businesses to drive sustainable international growth
- ensuring the UK remains a leading destination for international investment
- opening markets, building a trade framework with new and existing partners which is free and fair.



## Special thanks to our key partners



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# Meet the UK Government mission team

If you have a question about how to engage with this trade mission, or about the UK delegates or UK legal sector, please reach out to the UK Government team.



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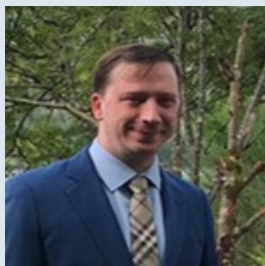


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