

Commercial Litigators' Forum

London, New York and Moscow

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By email

Dear Sirs

The Commercial Litigators' Forum (CLF)

The CLF will be relaunching its website with an innovative and charitably inspired initiative. For the first time, there will be webpages dedicated to providing a definitive listing of all service providers in the areas designated below. It will be the “go to” first port of call for international dispute resolution groups and in-house lawyers (particularly those associated with the GC100) looking to instruct a service provider.

The launch will take place in conjunction with the National Pro Bono Centre with the support of the judges of the Commercial Court, the GC100 and the firms representing the CLF. Please see statements of support at Annex A “*Endorsements*” from among others, The Hon. Mr Justice Blair, Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court, and Sir Robin Knowles CBE, Trustee of the National Pro Bono Centre.

We are writing to you to encourage you to support this initiative by having an enhanced listing (as opposed to just being named) on the CLF website in return for your sponsorship of the National Pro Bono Centre. You will be listed whether or not you choose to sponsor.

The CLF website will feature a collection of pages listing service providers in a number of categories. These will include:

eDiscovery
Litigation Funding
Cyber Investigations and Due Diligence
Expert Evidence
Costs
Legal Recruitment
Translation Services
Lawyers in the British Virgin Isles
Lawyers in the Cayman Islands
Lawyers in Jersey
Litigation Public Relations and Crisis Management Providers

Each category will have relevant know-how and links which will be provided by the exclusive Diamond Sponsor in each category. Please visit www.commerciallitigatorsforum.com to view a sample of the layout of the sponsorship pages.

There will be Diamond (exclusive), Platinum, Gold and Silver Sponsorships (all non-exclusive) each granting different benefits. The benefits are described fully in Annex B “*Sponsorship Levels*”. All sponsorships are for a one year period. The lead provider in each category will be the Diamond Sponsor. It will be the only exclusive category of sponsorship and, allow for the sponsor’s marketing materials to be featured on the webpage for that category. In some categories the position of Diamond Sponsor has already been secured. We can of course inform you if that is the case in your category(ies). In future years, we envisage that this position will be offered by way of an auction open to all.

If you provide services in a number of different categories and wish to have multiple sponsorship listings, please see the end section of Annex B.

The CLF

The CLF was established in early July 2002 by a number of leading dispute resolution practices. It has representatives from all the principal litigation practices participating in its activities. The CLF is now active in London, New York and Moscow. More information can be found at www.commerciallitigatorsforum.com.

In keeping with the aims of the CLF, the initiative will provide for enhanced interaction amongst law firms, the judiciary, in-house counsel and service providers to the legal profession.

Advantages for all Sponsors

Among others advantages:

- 1) you go straight to the heart of the legal community. Your sponsorship will be approved, recognised and debated amongst the international CLF committee members;
- 2) your sponsorship will be announced by each of the participating law firms in an email to their dispute resolution colleagues and professional support lawyers;
- 3) the CLF website will be promoted by CLF committee members to in-house counsel and the GC 100, and to others who are also promoting the National Pro Bono Centre. The GC100 gives full support to the project.
- 4) Legal Week will promote the CLF website and feature a hyperlink on its webpage.

The National Pro Bono Centre

Information about the National Pro Bono Centre can be found at its webpage:
<http://www.nationalprobonocentre.org.uk/>

About the Centre:

“Created in 2010, the National Pro Bono Centre houses the profession’s national clearing houses for legal pro bono work delivered in England and Wales: the Bar Pro Bono Unit, LawWorks (the Solicitors’ Pro Bono Group) and the CILEx Pro Bono Trust (CILEx PBT).

The Centre is designed to be a “hub” for pro bono charities across the sector and supports the wide range of pro bono projects and brokerage which the charities support, helping individuals and community groups all over England and Wales.

The office on Chancery Lane provides a central resource for charities who help people seeking pro bono legal advice and representation.”

Details regarding how to provide your sponsorship will be provided on request. You will enter into a direct contract with the National Pro Bono Centre where detailed terms and exclusions will be covered.

We very much look forward to working with you on this initiative, and hearing from you with positive news regarding a sponsorship.

Yours faithfully

The Commercial Litigators’ Forum

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Annex A

Endorsements

The Hon. Mr Justice Blair, Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court:

“Through the Commercial Litigators Forum, leading law firms and suppliers of services to those law firms are supporting the National Pro Bono Centre, strongly encouraged by GC100. The Commercial Court warmly commends this collaboration.”

Sir Robin Knowles CBE, Trustee of the National Pro Bono Centre:

“The National Pro Bono Centre was established in 2010. It was possible with the support of member firms of the Commercial Litigators Forum, and they have been alongside the Centre ever since. Now CLF and GC100 are working to help take the Centre to the next level. Their efforts are deeply appreciated. They recognise that looking out for those without means is an important part of maintaining the quality and standing of our legal system.”

Rosemary Martin, Chairman of GC100 (the Association of General Counsel of FTSE 100 Companies):

“GC100 welcomes this coordinated leadership by commercial law firms to provide much needed resource to the National Pro Bono Centre. These things matter, and General Counsel notice them. They say much about the individual firms involved.”

John Malpas – Publishing Director of Legal Week

“Our support for this worthwhile effort will be signified by carrying a link from our homepage to the sponsorship pages of the CLF website at the launch of the website.”

Hilton Mervis on behalf of the CLF:

“We thank the sponsors for their support for this initiative which is aimed to ensure a sustainable and renewable source of funding for the Pro Bono Centre. All member law firms off the CLF are encouraged to make use of the list of service providers.”

Annex B

Sponsorship Levels

Diamond Sponsor

Sponsorship: £5,000 to £20,000

As a Diamond Sponsor you will have:

- an exclusive and significant space at the top of your category's page for promotional links and features, including hyperlinks to knowledge portals and other affiliated institutions;
- space provided for a hyperlink to your business webpage, and contact details of five key people in your organisation;
- a text box (limited to 100 words) for you to use in describing the services you provide as you wish; and
- priority invitations to all CLF events in London, New York and Moscow for up to five attendees. There will be an Initiative drinks reception with the CLF committee and the Diamond Sponsors only.

Please note that as this is a charitable project, and given the limited time before launch, it has been necessary to select the Diamond Sponsors for the first year in advance. For future years, there will be an auction process for diamond sponsor and all will have an equal chance to participate.

Platinum Section

Sponsorship: £2,500 to £5000

As a Platinum Sponsor you will be listed alphabetically and have:

- space provided for a hyperlink to your business webpage, and contact details of up to three key people in your organisation;
- a text box (limited to 50 words) for you to use in describing the services you provide as you wish; and
- invitations to all CLF events (where numbers are restricted) for three individuals to attend.

Gold Section

Sponsorship: £1,000 to £2500

As a Gold Sponsor you will be listed alphabetically and have:

- space provided for a hyperlink to your business webpage and contact details of one key person in your organisation;
- a text box (limited to 25 words) for you to use in describing the services you provide as you wish; and
- invitations to all CLF events (where numbers are restricted) for two individuals to attend.

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Silver Section

Sponsorship: up to £1000

As a Silver Sponsor you will be listed alphabetically and have:

- space provided for a hyperlink to your business webpage and contact details for one key person in your organisation; and
- invitations to all CLF events (where numbers are restricted) for one individual to attend.

Non-sponsors

Service providers who do not wish to sponsor the National Pro Bono Centre will nevertheless be listed in their respective category; alphabetically and by business name alone.

Listing in Multiple Categories

We recognise that many service providers will be active across more than one category and will wish to be featured as such.

To address this, it is possible for a listing in a Non-Sponsor category to cross-refer to the existence of a sponsorship listing in a Sponsored category. The Sponsored category can of course also say you are listed as a Non-Sponsor in another category.

For example:

- *eDiscovery* - Gold Sponsor: [*business name*] (also listed with Non-Sponsors on the Translation Services page).
- *Translation Services* - Non-Sponsor: [*business name*] (see our Gold sponsorship listing on the eDiscovery page).

Alternatively, if you wish to appear with a sponsorship listing in a second category such a listing can be obtained for 25% of the sponsorship amount for that category (providing it is the same sponsorship level as in your first category, or lower).

For example:

- *eDiscovery*: Gold Sponsor: [*business name*] (also listed as a Gold Sponsor on the Translation Services page). (£1000)
- *Translation Services*: Gold Sponsor: [*business name*] (also listed as a Gold Sponsor on the E-Disclosure page). (£250)