

# Commercial Litigators' Forum

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London, New York and Moscow

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*By email*

Dear Sirs

## **The 2020 Commercial Litigators' Forum (CLF) Directory**

The CLF is relaunching its website with an innovative and charitable initiative. For the first time, there will be a definitive listing of all legal service providers by category. 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 2020 CLF Directory of Service Providers will launch at the Royal Courts of Justice on 26 March 2020, attended and supported by the National Pro Bono Centre; 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, Mr Justice Knowles CBE.

We are writing to you to encourage you to support the new National Pro Bono Centre and this initiative by sponsoring in a relevant category. The key benefit is an enhanced listing (as opposed to just being named as a provider) in the online 2020 CLF Directory.

Only those service provider firms which have sponsored will be invited to join the 2020 CLF Directory launch and networking reception at the Royal Courts of Justice.

For more details of the sponsor benefits please see the sponsorship proposal document.

## ***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](http://www.commerciallitigatorsforum.com).

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

## ***The new National Pro Bono Centre***

The new National Pro Bono Centre, due to launch in Spring 2020, builds on the success over the last 10 years of the existing National Pro Bono Centre. The new Centre will serve as a

physical and virtual hub, continuing to house many of the major pro bono organisations but further supporting their work and that of a wider range of organisations including legal aid, advice, funders, universities and more. It will help the sector be more effective in meeting the legal advice needs of vulnerable people across the UK.

Details regarding how to sponsor are included in the sponsor proposal. Donors will be required to enter into an agreement with The National Pro Bono Centre recording the basis on which the donation is made, and this letter is subject to the terms of that agreement. The CLF firms do not intend that any contractual relationship will exist with donors, and do not assume any duty of care towards providers in respect of the initiative (including as regards the accuracy of listings and maintenance of the website).

We very much look forward to working with you on this initiative, and hearing from you with positive news regarding sponsored inclusion in the 2020 CLF Directory.

Yours faithfully

*The Commercial Litigators' Forum*

**Member Firms:**

Addleshaw Goddard LLP	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	Osborne Clarke
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP	Gowling WLG	Paul, Weiss
Allen & Overy	Harold Benjamin	Peters & Peters
Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP	Hausfeld	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP
Ashurst LLP	Herbert Smith Freehills LLP	Reed Smith
Baker & McKenzie	Hogan Lovells	Reynolds Porter Chamberlain
BCL Solicitors LLP	Howard Kennedy	Simmons & Simmons
Berwin Leighton Paisner	Humphries Kerstetter LLP	Skadden
Brown Rudnick LLP	Ince & Co	Slaughter and May
Carter Lemon Camerons LLP	Jones Day	Stephenson Harwood LLP
Clifford Chance	K&L Gates LLP	Steptoe & Johnson LLP
Clyde & Co	Kennedys Law LLP	Taylor Wessing LLP
CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP	King & Spalding International LLP	Travers Smith
DAC Beachcroft LLP	King & Wood Mallesons LLP	W Legal
Dechert LLP	Lewis Silkin LLP	Watson Farley & Williams LLP
DLA Piper	Linklaters	Wedlake Bell LLP
Eversheds Sutherland	McGuireWoods LLP	White & Case LLP
Farrer & Co	Morrison & Foerster LLP	William Fry
Field Seymour Parkes LLP	Norton Rose Fulbright LLP	
Fieldfisher	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	
Fox Williams		

## Annex A

### Endorsements

#### **Mr Justice 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.”*

#### **Legal Week**

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

#### **Hilton Mervis on behalf of the CLF:**

*“We thank the donors 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 of the CLF are encouraged to make use of the list of service providers.”*