

Wednesday, 25 February 8.15 – 9.15

► UK Trade & Investment Market briefing – South Africa and Ghana

Presented by: UK Trade & Investment

Andy Henderson (Chair)
Trade Commissioner, South Africa

Baroness Patricia Scotland
Trade Envoy South Africa

Rubby Golo
Trade Development Manager,
Ghana

David Ofosu
Senior Partner, AB & David,
Ghana

Bukola Dosunmu
Deputy Director, UK Trade &
Investment Lagos

The speakers will provide an overview of the landscape for legal services in Sub Saharan Africa with a focus on South Africa and Ghana.

South Africa:

The session will outline the challenges in the region such as Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment in South Africa. It will also highlight the numerous opportunities, such as cross border work in Southern Africa.

Ghana:

Taking advantage of investment opportunities in Ghana and West Africa – legal and policy trends to watch. The session will point out the key areas of investment opportunities including multi-jurisdictional and cross border opportunities and highlight emerging legal and policy issues that investors need to take note of in order to minimize risks/increase their potential.

Nigeria:

UK Trade & Investment and private sector representatives from Nigeria will give a brief market overview.

There will be an opportunity for questions and answers at the end of the session.

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► Magna Carta principles and the need for speed – Breakfast session

Presented by:
Ministry of Justice

Clause 40 of the Magna Carta reads “To no one will we sell, to no one deny or delay right or justice”. What does delayed justice mean today? Technology has changed the way in which the world works - but also transformed public expectations of speed. A panel of Justice Ministers from around the world will discuss the challenges in modernising - and speeding up - justice systems to make them fit for the era of the iPad.

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▶ Law as the foundation of a strong and prosperous society in Asia

– Breakfast Session

Presented by:
Law Council of Australia and LAWASIA

Duncan McConnell
President, Law Council of Australia

Prashant Kumar
President-elect, LAWASIA

Melissa K. Pang, MH JP
Vice-President, Law Society of
Hong Kong & Partner, Pang &
Associates

Sunil D.B. Abeyaratne
Vice-President, LAWASIA,
Attorney-at-Law, Sri Lanka

Professor Zhu Jingwen
Professor of Jurisprudence,
Renmin University

The session will focus on the direct and enduring impact of the Magna Carta in India, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong SAR and the indirect impact in non-common law countries such as China. The influence of the Magna Carta in developed jurisdictions around the world is well documented, but its enduring influence, and importance, in the developing countries of Asia should not be underestimated.

Wednesday, 25 February 9.30 – 10.30

▶ Global trends in international trade & the laws that underpin them

– Panel session

Presented by:
Holman Fenwick Willan

Damian Honey
Partner, Holman Fenwick Willan

Craig Neame
Partner, Holman Fenwick Willan

Eoghan Cunningham
CEO, globalCOAL

The session will discuss trends in global trade and the key legal issues underpinning that growth. It will also identify legal issues that need to be resolved to support the further development of trade.

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▶ Investment in 2015 and beyond – Panel session

Featuring Silver Partner, Saunderson House

Chris Sexton
Investment Director,
Saunderson House

Tony Overy
Managing Director,
Saunderson House

Jonathan Davis
Author, columnist and investment
professional

Law firm partners and barristers have very distinct needs, earning patterns, lifestyle expectations and compliance obligations. Running busy practices, they spend their time serving clients and running the business but as a result they have less time to focus on themselves. With the global economy remaining a volatile place, where are the best opportunities for them to invest their money? How should they approach financial planning? Transparency in cost is frequently an issue, so what are the questions they should be asking when considering engaging a professional adviser? How should they measure value? This panel session will discuss the issues and provide practical ideas for how a busy law professional should approach investing in 2015 and beyond.

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► **Getting the balance right: a comparative approach to judicial review of legislative and executive decisions** – Panel session

Presented by: **The Bar Council**

Lord Pannick QC
Barrister, Blackstone Chambers

William Hubbard
President, ABA

The Rt Hon Lord Justice Laws
Lord Justice of Appeal

The Hon Justice David Fraser
The Supreme Court of Jamaica

Mr Lim Chee Wee
Partner, SKRINE law firm

Alison Foster QC
Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers

This session will consider the approach taken in a number of jurisdictions to the review of legislative and executive decisions by the courts and the panel will discuss the extent to which these approaches succeed in getting the balance right.

The first part of the session will involve reviewing the attitudes to challenging legislative and executive decisions in courts from a number of jurisdictions and the degree to which the contrasting approaches adopted around the world differ in their practical effectiveness.

In the second part of the session the panel will discuss the effectiveness of the various processes of reviewing legislative and executive decisions. This will involve considering how judicial review evolved in England and Wales and Northern Ireland and compare this with the equivalent rights in other jurisdictions in terms of their efficacy.

Wednesday, 25 February 9.30 – 10.45

► **Business and Human Rights** – Panel session

Presented by: **International Bar Association**

David Rivkin (Chair)
President, International Bar Association

Cherie Blair CBE QC
Founder & Chair, Omnia Strategy

Jonathan Drimmer
Vice-president and Deputy General Counsel, Barrick Gold Corporation

Ursula Wynhoven
General Counsel and Chief, Governance and Social Sustainability at UN Global Compact

Prof John G. Ruggie
Former UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Business and Human Rights

This session is co-organised with the International Bar Association (IBA) and features some of the most prominent global leaders in the area of corporate integrity. The experts will analyse the importance of human rights due diligence in M&A and other relevant commercial transactions, making special emphasis on the role of legal professionals and on how this expertise is becoming a requirement and an expectation from clients.

Wednesday, 25 February 10.30/10.45 – 11.15

► **Coffee & Tea break and Business Services Exhibition**

Wednesday, 25 February 11.15 – 12.15

► **Bribery and Corruption** – Panel session

Presented by: **Transparency International**

Robert Barrington (Chair)
Executive Director, Transparency International

Robert Buckland QC MP
Solicitor General for England and Wales

Vivian Robinson QC
Partner, McGuireWoods LLP

Chris Vaughan, GC
Balfour Beatty

Richard Wilmot Smith
Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers

Featuring Silver Partner, **39 Essex Chambers**.

As global business evolves so must the regulatory environment underpinning it. Bribery and corruption has increased and adapted as international business has become more tightly integrated and regulation needs to catch-up. International interest has shifted towards the establishment and enforcement of standards to fight bribery and corruption and its negative effects on business and society, with the focus largely on those who pay bribes. What should these standards be and how can they be supported? How should business prepare and what benefits can compliance to these new standards bring?

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► **Interpreting Commercial Contracts – Harmonization or Mutual Respect?**
– Panel session

Presented by: **Faculty of Advocates**

The Hon Lord Pentland
Judge, Supreme Courts of Scotland,
and Chairman of the Scottish Law Commission

Dr. Ross Anderson
Ampersand Advocates, Honorary
Research Fellow, School of Law
University of Glasgow

Garry Borland QC
Axiom Advocates and 4 New Square

Professor Hector MacQueen
Scottish Law Commission

Peter Rees QC
39 Essex Chambers

Keith Ruddock
General Counsel, Weir Group PLC

Contracts are the lifeblood of commerce. Interpreting contracts is at the heart of commercial legal practice. Yet different legal traditions approach this exercise in different ways.

This debate explores the issues. How significant are the differences? Which approach is best? Can or should we aspire to harmonization? What are the options?

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► **Reputation: law, or more?** – Panel session

Presented by Gold Partner:
Cubitt Consulting

Simon Brocklebank-Fowler
Founder of Cubitt Consulting

Charles Anson CVO
Former member of the Press
Complaints Commission and former
Press Secretary to HM The Queen

Julian Pike
Partner, Farrer & Co

Kevin Marsh
Former Editor of BBC R4's, Today,
The World at One and PM

Your reputation is the most important business asset you have, and it takes a company a life time to build. What happens when that reputation is under attack, do you reach for your lawyer, or your spin-doctor? What is the role of the media after the high drama of Leveson, and is its duty to be responsible now established with new regulatory structures and the chastening of the criminal courts? Leading representatives of the media, the previous regulator, and the founder of the UK's leading independent board-level communications consultancy will debate all.

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► **Anticipating shareholder activism** – Panel session

Featuring Silver Partner, **Macfarlanes**

Charles Martin
Senior Partner, Macfarlanes LLP

Steve Cohen
Partner, Corporate, Wachtell,
Lipton, Rosen & Katz

Andrew Grant
Founder, Tulchan Communications

Sacha Sadan
Director of Corporate Governance,
Legal & General Investment
Management

Muir Paterson
Managing Director Investment
Banking New York, Goldman Sachs

Activist investors are having a profound impact on corporate America. The amount of capital allocated to hedge funds with strategies defined by shareholder activism has rocketed in the past decade, up from \$19bn to \$246bn.

In the UK we have already seen increased levels of shareholder activism and the activist movement looks set to grow. Despite the important legal and regulatory differences between the US and Europe, the US can offer valuable lessons in how activists have worked and how corporations have responded. Will shareholder activism take off in Europe, as it has done in the US? What lessons can directors of European companies learn from their US counterparts in how to manage the shareholder activist? What is the attitude of institutional shareholders to this trend? This session will leave you better informed on how activism might have an impact on you, whatever your particular vantage point on this issue might be.

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► **Beyond the Commonwealth: Magna Carta and the development of law around the world** – Panel session

Presented by:
The Law Society of England and Wales

The Rt. Hon. Lord Dyson (Chair)
Master of the Rolls

Chief Bayo Ojo
Partner, Bayer Ojo & Co

The Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Michael Dennis Byron
President, Caribbean Court of Justice

Pinky Anand
Additional Solicitor General of India

The Hon Peter MacKay
Minister of Justice and Attorney
General of Canada

How has Magna Carta impacted on those countries that gained their independence from the UK in the last century? The session will explore the way in which those new states developed their legal systems using Magna Carta's principles to go further than what they had inherited, and as a driver for creating legal systems that addressed the inherent inequalities and inconsistencies they inherited.

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► **TheCityUK's Legal Services 2015 Report** – Report launch

Presented by: **TheCityUK**

Sir David Wootton
Co-Chairman, Global Law Summit
and Vice-Chairman, TheCityUK's
International Trade and
Investment

TheCityUK's Legal Services 2015 Report showcases the legal sector's value to the UK economy. This session will be led by Sir David Wootton, Co-Chairman of the Global Law Summit Board & Vice-Chairman of TheCityUK's International Trade and Investment.

The report outlines the importance of legal services and dispute resolution to the UK economy and illustrates the UK's strong position internationally. The sector directly employs over 300,000 people and generates a trade surplus totalling over £3bn annually. Major global firms come to the UK to access the unrivalled breadth of services, seek advice from world-class legal and advisory firms, raise finance and insurance their businesses. Numbers are limited: Please visit TheCityUK stand (number 55) for further information if you wish to attend.

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▶ Lunch and Business Services Exhibition

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▶ Keynote address

Presented by **The Rt Hon Jeremy Wright QC MP**, Attorney General

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▶ Keynote address

Presented by **Boris Johnson**, Mayor of London

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▶ Global economy and the Rule of Law – Plenary

Professor Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC
(Chair)
Director, The Bingham Centre for
the Rule of Law

**The Hon. Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma
Tao-li GBM**
Chief Justice of the Hong Kong
Court of Final Appeal

Harish Salve, Barrister
Blackstone Chambers

The Rt Hon Lord Mandelson
Former European Trade
Commissioner and British First
Secretary of State

Catherine O'Regan
former Justice, Constitutional
Court of South Africa

The Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law has recently worked with the EIU, The Investment Treaty Forum and Hogan Lovells to survey leading multi-nationals on how their investment decisions are driven by Rule of Law factors.

Led by the Bingham Centre's Director, Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC, this session will draw on this research to consider how Rule of Law drives economic growth. The expert panel will explain how business and political leaders, supported by first class legal services, can work together in the 21st Century to break down economic barriers created by inadequate Rule of Law, just as their predecessors did in the 20th Century to break down the barriers of tariffs and quotas.



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▶ Keynote address Video

Presented by **Ban Ki-moon** Secretary-General of the United Nations

The Secretary-General's message to the conference underscores that the universal aspiration for a world in peace, where the rights of all are protected and all see the benefits of development, is only possible if the Rule of Law is respected.

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▶ Closing address

Marking the close of the Global Law Summit, delegates will hear from **The Rt. Hon. Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury**, President of the Supreme Court