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Being indispensable in (virtual) arbitration: how junior members of the team can impress

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Keynote: Professor Julian Lew QC

Host: Paul Baker

Panel: Oliver Caplin, Naomi Briercliffe, Sebastiano Nessi

Junior lawyers have always been critical in the preparation for and running of arbitration and arbitral hearings. They are relied on by their counsel team, clients and the arbitrators in many unseen ways. With the expedited progression of arbitration into virtual hearing rooms looking set to stay, RPC, Twenty Essex and CI Arb take this opportunity to examine the critical role of junior lawyers and what opportunities there are for those lawyers to stand out and make a real difference. Our speakers will share their experiences (good and bad!) and offer advice to the next generation of arbitration leaders.

Panel discussion:

- Traditional role of junior lawyer in arbitration and arbitral hearings
- Development of junior roles in virtual arbitration – new expectations?
- Opportunities for junior lawyers to impress and progress

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Paul Baker, RPC

Paul Baker is Legal Counsel at RPC. He has significant experience of both commercial and investor-state arbitration and has arbitrated disputes under the LCIA, ICC, PCA, UNCITRAL and ICSID rules. He specialises in political and trade credit insurance, telecoms, energy and acting for and against states.



Professor Julian DM Lew QC, Twenty Essex

Julian is a renowned figure in the international arbitration community with over 40 years' experience as an academic, counsel and arbitrator. He is a full-time arbitrator at Twenty Essex and former head of arbitration at Herbert Smith Freehills. Since 1985 Julian has been Professor and Head of the School of International Arbitration, CCLS, at Queen Mary University of London.



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Naomi is a counsel and solicitor advocate in Allen & Overy's international arbitration team. She advises on investment treaty and commercial arbitration and public international law. She is currently based in London, but has previously practised in Paris and New York. She is ranked in Legal 500, Chambers UK and Who's Who: Arbitration (Future Leaders).



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Sebastiano Nessi is a Counsel in Schellenberg Wittmer's International Arbitration Group in Geneva. He has represented clients in commercial and investment arbitrations across a wide range of sectors. He is also a lecturer in arbitration and sits as an arbitrator. In 2020, Sebastiano was ranked 3rd Most Highly Regarded Individual in Europe by WWL Arbitration (Future Leaders).